

## THE PRINCIPAL

IT is inevitable, I suppose, that at this stage in the history of the College, the word "last" should come frequently into one's thoughts and conversation. The last teaching practice arrangements have been made, preparations are being made for the last week, and thought has been given to the last time-table. From that stand-point the mind naturally goes back to the first days, even before the College was opened and the first students arrived, and then traverses the whole range of happenings from the beginning until now.

What a full and wonderful experience it has all been! For my own part I shall regard the years spent here as years of enrichment of experience and personality. So many varied people met, so many places visited, so many situations lived through, so many problems faced and overcome, so many memories stored for future enjoyment.

I cannot pretend that the time has been an easy one. Nothing worth while is ever accomplished without much striving. There have been days of much weariness but there have been days, glorious with achievement and satisfaction.

For those who came at the beginning, and have remained, there has been the most interesting experience of getting to know three varying lots of students. Often I have been asked whether the students of this Session have been as good as those of the previous Session and so on. I think the answer to all such comparisons must be, "Not better nor worse, but just different." Anyway it will be juster and more satisfactory to pass any such judgments in, say, ten years time, when the material has been tested in action long enough to know its true quality.

I have written before my thoughts and feelings about those of the first two Sessions and so it is only left for me to say what I feel about you third-session students. Without hesitation I can say that you are very acceptable people. You have been good people to live with and to work for and because of that, you will be good teachers. The more time I have spent in teaching and with teachers, the more I have become convinced that the personality of a teacher counts above all. Believing that, I can but feel that the schools to which you will go will be enriched by your coming.

My very best wishes go with you. It has been a privilege to help you and I hope that many of you will give me the joy of your keeping in touch with me, even though the last days of Wimpole Park College must come soon.

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## THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS' UNION

THERE have been many landmarks to which we have looked forward—and which we have now passed—since we first entered the gates of Wimpole Park last September, but looming over and above them all has been a date—September 29th, 1950. By the time these words reach you that long awaited day will be very near and you will be feeling—as I feel now—the strange mixture of joy and regret that its coming will bring to us all, joy that our hurdles have been satisfactorily cleared and regret that our time of parting from the many good friends we have made is so near.