

Memorandum on the Demonstration School

Ibstock Place.

The school was originally planned as an integral part of the Froebel Institute, housed in the same building and designed to show the working out of Froebel's principles from the nursery to the Secondary school. By accident rather than design the school has now become a much sought after kindergarten and preparatory school.

It has always been co-educational and was first recognised by the Board of Education as an efficient preparatory school in 1921. There are 246 children in the school of whom 112 are boys and 134 girls. Fifty of them are boarders. There are eleven women and three men teachers on the staff all fully qualified, as well as four visiting teachers of the piano and violin. There is also a housemistress and three matrons.

Since their inception in the one building in Hammersmith both college and school have developed in many ways. The school came to its second permanent home in 1946 when after seven years of evacuation it settled at Ibstock Place, next door to the college in Roehampton. It still plays the part of a demonstration school showing the modern development of Froebel principles and theories to students and teachers from this country and from abroad and most especially to the students of the Froebel Institute.

While some children leave at 11½ years to take up places in Secondary Grammar schools or in St. Paul's Girls' School, a number stay on to the age of 13 or 14 years. This is a necessity for boys who are going on to Public Schools and is useful for girls taking entrance scholarships to the girls' Public Schools.

Besides the usual responsibilities for the teaching and discipline of the school, the headmistress has always taken a full share in boarding school duties. She attends the meetings of the Governors of the Froebel Educational Institute and also those of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Her salary is according to the scale of a Senior Lectureship (£1,148 by increments of £30 rising to £1,348 plus equal pay increments) with residence.