

1922: How students were welcomed to the Norwich Training College.

The letter sent from the Principal,
Rev Canon J. Addison Hannah M.A.,
to forthcoming student teachers



LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS FEBRUARY 1922

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Dear Miss

The next College Year will begin towards Mid-September. The precise date will be fixed nearer the time. You will be expected to arrive in the afternoon. I can inform you about Norwich railway stations and route to College, if desired.

Fees will be due then, and payable to myself or College.

If convenient, fees may be sent through the post a few days before your coming.

Books are obtained by Students through the College, after entering, at the lowest rates now possible.

Advice as to your **studies** in the interval between the present and your entrance may best be given by those who have had the direction of your work. Wide and observant reading in authors such as Macaulay, Scott and Tennyson, would in any case be valuable. No doubt your attention is largely engaged with the deeply important work of **school practice**.

It is essential that you should in every way consider your **health** most carefully, so that you may begin your College career strong and well, and not already overworked at school or in your own studies.

Medical Examination by College Doctor will be necessary a few days after coming. It is extremely desirable that the Medical Certificate which you have sent in should remain strictly accurate and complete.

If you have not been **vaccinated** within the last five years you should take this precautionary measure some considerable time before coming.

The **Dental Certificate** enclosed must be signed by your dentist, and brought with you when you come to College.

The **Lady Superintendent** requests that each Student be provided with rainproof cloak, umbrella, strong boots and galoshes, bedroom slippers, and warm dressing gown, and also with a supply of warm underclothing, which will be liable to inspection. (*I wonder how a modern college entrant would take that last direction? Who by, Canon Hannah?— Ed.*)

Great attention is expected to be paid to suitability of dress, and general neatness of appearance.

Each Student must bring with her four white toilet covers, four bedroom towels, three dusters, two dessert spoons and forks, table fork, two tumblers, toilet soap, two aprons for needlework, two bags for linen, and three serviettes. (*How did they cut their food? — Ed*) Each must also be provided with one **strong overall**, with sleeves made of some strong material as drill, in either dark blue, dark green, or brown.

Every article of clothing, towels and the like, must be marked with the owner's name in full and laundry number. Your laundry number will be

The Drill Costume, with ties and girdle, and blouses, will be supplied through the College in September at the cost of about £3. 5s. No other costume can be accepted.

Students must bring with them black **Plimsoll shoes**.

Any further information or advice you may require will be given by the Lady Superintendent or myself.

Kindly read this letter carefully, and **preserve** it. An immediate **acknowledgement** will oblige, as in the case of all such communications.

With best wishes and happiness in your College life, which must depend largely on your own industry and loyalty.

I am

Faithfully yours,

REV. CANON J. ADDISON HANNAH, M.A..

Principal