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## MANSION FOR PRINCIPAL

While Teachers'  
Wages are Cut

HOUSE FOR £2,600

### QUEER KIND OF "ECONOMY"

**D**ESPITE the recent cuts in the salaries of teachers, the Provincial authorities of the Transvaal have seen fit to proceed with the construction of one of the best dwellings which they have ever put up for one of their officials.

This is the new residence for the Principal of the Johannesburg Normal College, Professor W. Reith MacGregor, which will be ready for occupation in a few weeks' time.

Costing, it is understood, a sum of about £2,600, the new structure has been built of the best possible materials and with first-class workmanship throughout. It stands on one of the finest view sites in Johannesburg, overlooking both the centre of the city to the south and the Magaliesberg and northern ridges in the opposite direction.

#### No Skimping

Designed by the well-known architect, Mr. Gerald Moerdyk, for the Provincial Council, and carried out under private contract by Mr. D. Wilkinson, the principal's house represents a job where nothing has been skimped in money or material to secure the best possible result.

Resting on a high foundation, partly



The Principal's Palace

cut into the hillside, a very original-looking block has been built. Fronted by a semi-circular sleeping-porch and surmounted by a kind of little central tower which gives the whole place a distinctive appearance, the rooms surround a hall, lit through skylights from above.

Elaborate carved ornaments on the ceilings, cornice-work throughout, beautiful solid pillars in the interior, built-in cupboards, a cellar-staircase, an electric stove, first-class fittings, teak doors, the best flooring, facing bricks everywhere, render Professor MacGregor's house perhaps the most attractive built by the Government in recent years. There are six rooms in all, and provision is being made for a garden.

While full of appreciation for the merit of the building as such, the greatest indignation is being felt among the teachers at the policy of the Provincial authorities in proceeding with

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this piece of work at a time when "economies" are being made or attempted in such essentials as fire-extinguishers, coloured pupils' lavatories, and numberless other items.

It has just become known that the Education Department, "on account of the bad times," refused to allow the conversion of the school at Lyndhurst to intermediate status, although the children of the neighbourhood, many of whom come of very poor homes, are now obliged to travel for miles every day to the city.

"Hitherto," said a teacher whose pay has been reduced, "the Normal College principal was comfortably accommodated at 'Dredaura,' the girls' hostel in Parktown. Why should this time be chosen to provide him with a mansion?"