I LIKE BEING A TEACHER
By Max Gordon

As a boy, I cannot truthfully say that I liked being at school. As a man, I cannot truthfully say that I liked the idea of being a teacher. But it is now eleven years since I first entered the grammar school where I work, and the prospect of spending the rest of my active life within a classroom has now no fear for me. Education has become my main concern and my principal love.

As being a teacher because it is so much like being a father; and since I am the father of two young boys, I often carry my experiences with my own sons, and my love for them, into the classroom and share it with all the other boys who are destined to be my care.

As a parent is often annoyed with his children's naughtiness, so teacher experiences the same irritation, annoyance, and often fury, with his schoolboys.

But as all good parents say of their own children, "We must not be without them" so with the teachers because the children have become part and parcel of their lives. Children, whether young or old, are excellent observers. They have keen sense of fairness and justice. "It's not fair" is a phrase used some time ago by children, and is a phrase that should never be lightly by-passed. If a teacher finds his judgment faulty, he should adjust it.

The greatest compliment a boy ever paid me was "Sir, I like you because you understand boys!"

One of my former colleagues (now) had the reputation for sternness. His results in the examinations were always fabulous. Almost any teacher taught by him would be sure of passing his examination.

The boys appeared to hate and love (Simplex) each until he left to take up another post; then suddenly all his boys were dejected and unhappy. He was a tyrant (Author) and they admitted, "but he was a good master and he was always fair." But other tribute can be paid to any teachers.

Are there any compensations (Simplicity) for being a teacher? Yes, there are some.

First, there is something so rewarding in teaching boys. Their loyalty, their good sense of humor, their good spirit, and their b.i.d. in playing-field and in close-room make the job worth while and lift up a more job in a vacation.

Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to see how boys, enjoy a joke. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction than to see how boys.

Vocabulary

1. Bank note:钞票
2. High note: 高调子
3. Make a note of something: 做笔记
4. Make a model of your lecture: 你的演讲
5. Making a hand down to the poor: 向穷人提供
6. pieces of cheese: 三明治
7. Piece together: 拼凑
8. Play a piece: 演奏一段
9. The hostess played a piece of music to entertain her guests: 主妇弹奏一段音乐以娱乐她的客人
10. Sleep like a log: 沉睡

My Child Said This..............

My brother, aged six, on being told by our father: "I will not give you away for the whole world." I commented: "But, Daddy, if you got the whole world you would get me back.

W HILE out walking with my boy, aged three and a half, a dog ran over and started to lick him. Seeing that he was frightened, I tried to reassure him by saying: "He won't eat you!"

He replied: "Well, then, why is he licking me?"

I heard the following conversation between two small boys in the Lion House at Dulwich Zoo.

First Boy: "I hate these animals!"

Second Boy: "Oh! you shouldn't say that-they are very holy!"

He replied: "How do you make that out?"

Well, I heard Daddy say they are beasts of prey!"

A small boy dashed into the house breathlessly carrying a dead rat by the tail. His mother, chanting with his minister in the living room, glanced up from her chair and gave a quick swop.

"Don't worry, Mom," reassured the boy, "he's dead; I bashed him and thrown him out of the window!"

The boy, suddenly aware of the minister, paused, and then continued gently, "...until God called him home."