



Isleworth

Last week of June 1876 – 20 December 1876

Vincent ended up in Isleworth in June 1876 because the school where he worked as an assistant teacher relocated there from Ramsgate. His superior William Port Stokes offered him a small salary for the move. Vincent was to receive board and lodging and, with some luck, up to £20 a year. A few

days after his arrival in Isleworth, he met the Rev. Thomas Slade Jones who, like Stokes, headed a boarding school. Vincent decided to change jobs and began working as an assistant teacher at Jones' school. He taught Sunday School in 'Mr. Jones' church and was eventually allowed to preach himself. In

December of 1876, Vincent left Isleworth for Etten to celebrate the Christmas holidays with his family. He used his time there to come up with a plan for a new future for himself. He gave up his work as a teacher and would not return to England. Vincent left for Dordrecht instead.



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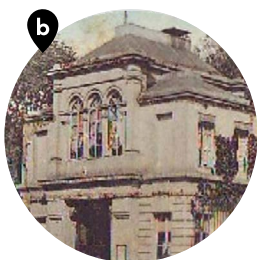
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Jones' School

Address Twickenham Road 158

The school led by Rev. Thomas Slade Jones was located at Holme Court. Vincent's room was on the third floor above the pupils' dormitory in the back of the building. He decorated his walls with photograph portraits of his family and prints after works by Paul Delaroche, Ary Scheffer and others, citing biblical texts in the margins. Vincent's days were filled with teaching, and after his workday he would take time to write letters or organize his thoughts in his Book of Sermons. Stokes' school, where Vincent worked initially, was around the corner at 183 Twickenham Road. The building no longer exists, however.



Syon Park

Address Syon park

In Isleworth, Vincent liked to take walks in Syon Park. He wrote: "It's lovely here now, especially in the streets in the evening, when it's a bit foggy and the street-lamps are lit, and also in that park I wrote to you about, I saw the sun setting there a couple of days ago, behind the elm trees whose leaves are now the colour of bronze. That haze which Anna writes about lay over the grass, and a brook runs through that park in which one sees the swans swimming." [Letter 095]

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Take a trip to Hampton Court, the century-old castle in Surrey that Vincent visited. Please see www.vangoghroute.nl for more information.