

16th February 1937.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Council of Bedford College to ask whether you will honour the College by coming here on the afternoon of July 3th to present Certificates to our International Students and also to speak to these Students.

For your information I am to say that Bedford College has for the last seventeen years been responsible for the organisation of one-year courses for foreign Nurses, with a view to giving them a more adequate equipment for doing pioneer work in their own countries. The work is attached to our Sociological Department and was first undertaken by the College at the request of the League of Red Cross Societies; since 1934 it has been carried out under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation as a memorial to the work of Florence Nightingale. The students who come to these courses are all picked Nurses, financed by their country and chosen as fit to carry the responsible work afterwards required of them. They have great difficulties to overcome, language being not

the least, but all who have to deal with them testify to the remarkable way in which they profit by the courses. At the end of their year's study, the successful students are presented with a Certificate, called the "Florence Nightingale International Foundation Certificate", and the ceremony of presentation usually takes place early in July. I enclose for your information copies of the Order of Procedure for the last two years. Sir Arthur Stanley, Hon. Treasurer of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation acts as Chairman of the ceremony; he has always shown the greatest interest in the International Students.

Done

It is greatly hoped that you will accede to this request, and that we shall have the honour of receiving you here on July 8th.

Yours truly,

Secretary of Council.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, P.C., M.P.,
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