

26th March 1936.

Dear Madam,

I am writing to ask whether you will be good enough to put before Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent a request from the Council of Bedford College for Women (University of London) that Her Royal Highness would honour the College by presenting Certificates to the students of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, who are taking a course at Bedford College. It is proposed that the Presentation Ceremony should be held on Friday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m.

The students in question, who are attached to the Department of Sociology and Social Studies, all belong to the Nursing Profession. They come from different parts of the world for a one year's course, the object of which is to give them special training, both in theoretical and practical work, so that they may go back to their countries equipped to take up posts of responsibility either in

connection with Hospitals or with the Public Health and Social services; in many cases these students do important pioneer work. Bedford College first consented to prepare students for this course at the request of the League of Red Cross Societies, and later at the request of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation (formed by the joint action of the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Council of Nurses).

It would be a great inspiration and honour for the students to return to their several native countries with a Certificate presented to them by Her Royal Highness. May I ask you therefore to present this letter to the Duchess of Kent, expressing our hope that she will accede to this request?

May I also add that His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent has already shown his interest in the College by being the Guest of Honour at a dinner given in aid of the College Extension at Lincoln's Inn Hall on December 10th 1930.

I am, Madam,

Yours truly,

*The Lady Mary Hope*

Principal.