

Mrs Reid for information

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

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Dear Dr. Edgell,

Immediately following the receipt of your letter we received the definite appeal from Bedford College for Women for assistance by way of scholarships or grants for nurses "desirous of devoting a full year to a general training and, in suitable cases, of taking a further specialized training in mental hygiene". We shall, of course, be glad to give careful consideration to this appeal and since I am to visit England fairly soon it will be possible for me to study the project in detail at that time. According to my present plans I am sailing from here on February 22nd and will be in London for about three weeks. I shall, during that time, want to have an opportunity to discuss this proposal fully with you and with Mrs. Reid as well as with any others whom you think I should consult.

Since I do not have a copy of the Bedford College syllabus on public health training or any sort of a definite outline as to the proposed special training in mental hygiene, I am somewhat confused regarding the exact project for which financial assistance is requested. In your letter you mention the year's course of training that Bedford is offering in conjunction with the College of Nursing. I presume that this is an established training course and that our assistance is requested for additional training along mental hygiene lines. Will you let me know whether or not this is the proper interpretation and can you send me any further details regarding the project and the extent to which our participation is desired. The more material you can send me at the present time regarding preliminary negotiations, the definite training program, the type of individuals for whom scholarships are desired, the length of the training period for which scholarships seem necessary etc., the easier it will be for me to study the whole project during my brief time in London. I shall be most appreciative if you can send me, fairly soon, as complete a statement as possible regarding the project so I can have time to study it before my departure.

Since it seems desirable for the Commonwealth Fund to concentrate most of its mental hygiene activities in England in the Child Guidance Council or at least to work closely with it on related projects, I have taken the liberty of writing Miss Fox about the appeal from Bedford College. I think that she has had some discussions with other organizations regarding

possible future courses of training for various types of workers in the mental health field and for this reason I think it might be desirable for you and Mrs. Reid to discuss the entire situation with Miss Fox so all of you will be informed regarding any projects that may be under consideration. The detailed study of the Bedford project will, of course, await my arrival and I am extremely glad that I am to be in England soon as this will give me a splendid opportunity to learn about all the plans, etc.

With my very best wishes for the New Year to yourself and Mrs. Reid, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

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