

For Council November 24th 1926.

Report of the Social Studies Appointment Committee.

At a meeting of the Social Studies Appointment Committee held on Monday 8th November at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t Sir Wilmot Herringham in the Chair
 The Principal
 Mrs. Reid
 Mrs. Wallas
 The Secretary.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Arising out of the Minutes.

a. Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Reported the following resolution of the Council:

"That the terms of reference of the Social Studies Appointment Committee be extended to cover recommendations of allocation of the special fund of £1,224 granted from the League of Red Cross Societies".

b. Budget for Grant.

Reported there was no budget before the Committee as plans were not sufficiently matured to make this possible.

3. Report from Mrs. Reid, Director of the Dept. of Social Studies on her enquiries as to the possibility of establishing a practical Training Centre for Students training as Health Visitors.

Mrs. Reid reported that she had seen Miss Bideleux, the Chairman of Mundella Road Committee who had been prepared to co-operate with the suggestion that a health visitor appointed by Bedford College should work in their district and train the Bedford College students. That the matter had then been referred to Dr. Lennane the M.O.H. for Battersea district to which the Mundella Road Committee was attached and from whom the Mundella Road Committee drew an annual grant of £250. That Dr. Lennane had refused to give his consent to the arrangements suggested, on the grounds that it was impossible for anyone to work in the Borough who was not directly under, and responsible to the Borough Officer. Mrs. Reid reported that she then put before Dr. Lennane the following proposal:

That Bedford College should pay to the Borough the salary or part salary of a health visitor on conditions that, the facilities required were given to those students of Bedford College training for health visitors.

That Dr. Lennane had looked upon this suggestion with greater favour and would be prepared to consider it if an official application were made to this effect. The Committee were further informed that the Ministry of Health made grants to the Borough towards expenses for Infant and Child Welfare work in the district. That Dr. Lennane had reported it would strengthen the case of Bedford College if they were assured of the support of the Ministry of Health. The whole question was fully discussed by the Committee in the light of the conditions on which the grant from the League of Red Cross Societies was promised. The Committee realised that it was very improbable that a M.O.H. of any district would allow a health visitor to work in his Borough who was not directly responsible to himself. It was therefore agreed to recommend to the Council that the conditions governing the grant should be altered to allow the health visitor in charge of the training of the students to be the Officer of the Borough instead of being attached to Bedford College.

4. Appointment of Lecturers in Special Subjects.

Reported:

- a. That enquiries had been made about Dr. Plimmer, Prof. of Chemistry at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, and that it had been ascertained that he would be an admirable person to lecture on Nutrition. It was further reported that he would be willing to undertake the work at 3 gns per lecture if invited to do so.
- b. That Dr. Waller M.O.H. of Poplar had been approached and had signified his willingness to give a course of lectures on Infant Welfare at 4 gns per lecture.
- c. That Dr. Gloyne on the City Chest Hospital Staff would be the best person to invite to give a course of lectures on tuberculosis but that, owing to his illness at the present time, he had not yet been approached in the matter.
- d. That Miss Ethel Elderton attached to the Francis Galton Eugenic Laboratory, University College had been approached as to the possibility of her giving a course of lectures on Vital Statistics but had replied that it was entirely contrary to the

policy of her Laboratory to allow her to lecture outside the Department. That special permission would not be granted by the College Committee unless Prof. Carl Pearson Head of her Laboratory wished it. The Committee were of opinion that Miss Elderton was the right person for this course and proposed that Prof. Carl Pearson be approached directly on the matter.

In accordance with powers given to the Committee by Council
October 27th 1926:

RESOLVED (1) That a letter be written to Dr. Lennane to the following effect:-

That Bedford College is prepared to pay the salary of a full time Health Visitor who shall be appointed by and the servant of the Borough on the following conditions:

- A. The service of the Health Visitor be allocated
 - a. to the necessary training in the Borough of the students of Bedford College, such period of training to be approximately four months in all, spread over the year in accordance with a plan to be agreed upon hereafter on the same lines as those which have met with such success this year:
 - b. to giving not less than 30 and not more than 50 lectures on Public Health Nursing to the same students.
- B. The authorities of Bedford College are satisfied that the Health Visitor in charge is suitable for carrying out the work indicated above.
- C. The arrangement is in the first place for one year

(2) That the following visiting lecturers in special subjects be appointed:

Dr. Plimmer on the Staff of St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, to give 8 lectures on Nutrition at 3 gns per lecture.

Dr. Waller, M.O.H. of Poplar to give 10 lectures on Infant Welfare at 4 gns per lecture.

Dr. Gloyne of the City Chest Hospital to give 4 lectures on Tuberculosis. (Dr. Gloyne be approached as soon as his health has recovered).

- (3) That the Principal approach Prof. Carl Pearson for permission to invite Miss Elderton to give a course of lectures on Vital Statistics.