

25th May 1939.

Dear Miss Baggallay,

I enclose suggested report on the work of the Organisation Committee 1937-39. If you think I have omitted anything of importance or you would like anything which is there put differently, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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The Committee.

Several additions have been made to the personnel of the Committee:-

At the request of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation their representation has been increased by one. (Miss I. Stewart, R.N., B.S., A.M., Chairman of the Education Committee of the International Council of Nurses).

Miss Baggallay, on her resignation as Tutor to the International students, was appointed ex officio a member of the Committee, as Secretary to the Committee of Management of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

Miss Parsons, on her resignation as Tutor to the International students, was, at the request of the College of Nursing, appointed an additional representative of the College of Nursing.

Summary of work done by the Committee during the session 1937-39.

The Committee have held five meetings during the session 1937-38, and will have held four meetings during the session 1938-39.

Student Business.

The following numbers of students have attended the various courses during the sessions 1937-39:-

<u>1937-38.</u>	<u>1938-39.</u>
Canada (3)	Australia
China	Canada
Denmark	China
Finland	Denmark
Germany	Finland (2)
Great Britain (5)	Great Britain (4)
Greece	Holland
Holland	India (2)
India	Latvia
South Africa	Norway
Sweden	Poland
U.S.A. (4)	South Africa
	Sweden
	Turkey
	U.S.A. (2).

Recognition of the International Course by the University of London.

On the application of the Council of Bedford College the Senate of the University of London in January 1938 recognised the International Course as a Course for Associate Students. This opportunity of becoming an Associate Student of the University of London has been taken advantage of by several of the students.

Curriculum.

There have been several changes in the curriculum to meet the increasing demands of the International students:-

Group "A" now includes a fourth subject entitled "Nursing Education".

The course hitherto called "Hospital Training School Administration" is now called "The Nursing School" and includes early history^{of} and recent developments in ~~the~~ nursing world^{education}. The purpose is to make this particular course more international in character.

There has been a demand from the students for the Psychiatry lectures to include more Adult Psychology than hitherto. This requirement has been met during the past two years by allowing the students to attend a course on Psychopathology and Mental Hygiene at King's College, London. From the beginning of the session 1939-40 arrangements have been made for this requirement to be met within the Department of Psychology at Bedford College.

Exceptional Students.

The Committee have thought it desirable to give greater opportunities to exceptional students to take courses outside the normal curriculum. As the course is becoming more widely known abroad the standard of students applying for admission is rising, and a paragraph has been inserted in the Prospectus to show that the Organisation Committee is prepared to consider requests for training in special subjects.

In 1938 two students took the Health Visitor's Examination approved by the Ministry of Health and one is sitting for the Examination in 1939.

*afforded by
Miss Balfour
See letter
1.6.39*

Tutorial and Practical Work.

Owing to the resignation of Miss Baggallay from her appointment as Tutor to the International students on the Health side and of Miss Parsons from her appointment as Tutor to the Nurse Administrator students, it became necessary to revise the arrangements for the students' tutorial and practical work. For some time the Committee had felt that the students needed a Tutor, resident at Manchester Square, who would be available for them to refer to if they were in any difficulties about their work, and who would help them to correlate work as they saw it in England with work as they knew it in their own countries. This need made it desirable that the work hitherto carried out by Miss Baggallay and Miss Parsons should be combined under one Tutor, who would be able to undertake the tutorial and practical work for all the students. The Committee have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss D.C. Bridges, S.R.N. (St. Thomas's Hospital), a distinguished old International student, who for the last year has held a Rockefeller Travelling Scholarship for a study of nursing education in Canada and the United States. The appointment is made by the Council of Bedford College jointly with the Council of the College of Nursing, and Miss Bridges, where her work is concerned with the Nurse Administrator students, works in collaboration with the College of Nursing. The new arrangement is proving most beneficial to the students.

Arrangements for the practical work has continued on the same lines as before with the addition of opportunities for the students to get experience in European countries as well as in England, but from the beginning of 1939-40 it is proposed to re-arrange the weeks of practical work so as to enable the students to get more accustomed to England and their new way of living before they embark on the more difficult side of their practical training.

Presentation of Certificates.

The Presentation of Certificates to the International students was carried out in 1938 by the Hon. Norman Davis, President of the American Red Cross, who also spoke to the students. Princess Anna Schwarzenberg, an old International student and Executive Secretary to the International Council of Nurses, spoke to the students from the nursing point of view.

The arrangements for 1939 are not yet made.

Secretary of the Committee for the
Organisation of Courses for International Students.