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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee appointed to consider
Courses for Qualified Nurses held on 27th January 1930

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An emergency meeting of the Nursing Committee was called for Monday, 27th January 1930 at 2 p.m. to consider a letter from the Commonwealth Fund asking for detailed information in connection with the proposed course for qualified Nurses to train as Health Visitors and the financial support in connection therewith asked for by the Council of Bedford College from the Commonwealth Fund.

P r e s e n t The Principal in the Chair
Miss Bowes
Miss Clark
Miss Darbyshire
Professor Edgell
Professor Edkins
Miss Hallowes
Mrs. Reid
Professor Spencer
Miss Lloyd Still
The Secretary

1. Application to the Commonwealth Fund.

The Committee were informed that the Council of Bedford College had at their last meeting in December resolved to make application to the Commonwealth Fund for scholarships and other financial support in connection with the proposed course of training in Public Health Work for qualified Nurses already approved by this Committee. That mention had also been made in the letter of application of an additional 3 months course in Mental Hygiene, the detailed syllabus for which had not yet been drawn up. That a reply had been received from the Commonwealth Fund asking for detailed information about the proposed courses and the amount of financial support applied for. That the matter was urgent and so as a matter of expediency the letter was being brought before the Nursing Committee for recommendation instead of going first to the Council, which would be the proper procedure. The Committee were asked to regard the matter as highly confidential.

The Committee proceeded to consider what recommendations should be made as to the reply to be sent to the Commonwealth Fund.

2. Value of Scholarships.

The Committee had before them the following information to assist them in computing the value of a scholarship necessary for a student taking the course:-

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a.	Length of course to be for one year, including the necessary holidays which would occupy about 2 months.		
b.	Tuition fees - Bedford College	£45	
	less Ministry of Health grant for Health Visitors	<u>15</u>	£30.
c.	Travelling and personal expenses and books		60.
d.	Board & Residence fees (calculated at £2. 10.0/for 44 weeks) per week		110.
			<u>£200</u>
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Discussion took place and it was agreed that s cholarships should be asked for for not less than £200 each.

3. Number of Scholarships.

The Director of Social Studies informed the Committee that in her opinion it was not likely that more than 10 scholarships could be utilised in one year in the first place.

4. Conditions governing the award of scholarships.

This matter was discussed in some detail.

The following conditions of award were agreed upon:-

- a. that the award of the scholarships be made by the Council of Bedford College on the recommendation of a joint Committee of Bedford College and the College of Nursing who shall be responsible for the selection of scholarship candidates
- b. Candidates must be able to give evidence of a good general education up to the age of 18 years.
- c. Candidates must have a full Nursing training and be registered on the general part of the State Register for Nurses after having had a 3 years Nursing training in a school approved by the General Nursing Council.

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- d. Candidates must hold the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.
- e. Candidates must satisfy the Examiners in a scholarship examination, which shall include:-
 - i. a paper on General Knowledge
 - ii. a paper relating to their professional qualifications
 - iii. an interview as to their personal suitability.

5. Additional 3 months' Course in Mental Health Work

The Committee further considered the proposal that students who take the year's course for qualified Nurses, obtain the certificate and also hold the Ministry of Health's certificate for Health Visitors should be eligible for a further course of 3 months' training in Mental Health work, the course to include lectures on the theoretical side, home visiting and a period of residence in an institution.

It was suggested that such students would require an additional 3 months' maintenance grant on the lines indicated above, i.e. £50 for the 3 months.

It was agreed after discussion that possibly not more than 5 such scholarships could be made use of.

Discussion took place as to the number of lectures which would be required for this additional course and it was agreed to base the application for additional assistance on a course of approximately 30 lectures.

Estimated expenditure - £120.

The Committee therefore recommend to the Council of Bedford College that they forward to the Commonwealth Fund in answer to their letter of 16th January:-

- 1. Copies of the detailed syllabuses of the proposed courses:-
 - a. 1 year general course
 - b. 3 months special course in Mental Hygiene.
- 2. Information on the following lines:-

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- a. that the proposed course for training qualified Nurses as Health Visitors be organised by a joint Committee of Bedford College/(University of London) and the College of Nursing.
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- b. that the number of scholarships asked for be 10 for the general course and 5 for the additional 3 months course in Mental Hygiene.
- c. that the value of each scholarship asked for be at the rate of £200 per annum.
- d. that support towards financing lecture courses for an extra 3 months course on Mental Hygiene be asked for to the amount of £120 per annum
- e. that the period for which assistance be asked be for 3 - 5 years in the first instance.
- f. that the conditions governing the award of the scholarships be as follows:-
 - i. that the award of the scholarships be made by the Council of Bedford College on the recommendation of a joint Committee of Bedford College and the College of Nursing, which Committee shall be responsible for the selection of scholarship candidates.
 - ii. Candidates must be able to give evidence of a good general education up to the age of 18 years.
 - iii. Candidates must have a full Nursing training and be registered on the general part of the State Register for Nurses after having had a 3 years Nursing training in a school approved by the General Nursing Council.
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