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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on January 12th 1932.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Tuesday January 12th 1932 at 5 p.m.

P r e s e n t

The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Darbyshire
Miss Dorsey
Professor Edgell
Mrs. Edkins
Miss MacManus
Lt. Col. Parkinson
Miss Parsons
Mrs. Reid
Mrs. Williams
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Lloyd Still.

3. Report from the Director of the Department concerning any students who are not thought to be profiting from the course.

Mrs. Reid reported that the two students from Yugoslavia (Roksanda Cabrinovic and Slava Smiljanic) about whom the Committee had been doubtful in October, had worked steadily through the term and at the end had just touched the required standard in her own subject; that the lectures in Industrial Conditions, however, had been quite beyond them as, owing to their lack of knowledge of the language, it had been impossible to make them understand the subject.

It was further reported that there were two other students, Elli Montin and Frantiska Picova who had also found the lectures in Industrial Conditions too difficult for them to follow.

Mrs. Reid therefore recommended, supported by Mrs. Williams, Lecturer in Industrial Conditions,

"That Roksanda Cabrinovic, Slava Smiljanic, Elli Montin and Frantiska Picova be allowed to withdraw from the lectures on Industrial Conditions."

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It was explained to the Committee that the time could be usefully employed by these students in doing extra practical work.

RESOLVED that the four students mentioned above be exempted from taking lectures on Industrial Conditions and that their certificates be not endorsed with this subject at the end of the course.

that the following motion be considered at the next meeting of the Organisation Committee:-

"What standard of proficiency in the English language is to be required from students who enter with a view to studying such subjects as Industrial Conditions which are likely to prove very difficult to them."

4. Reports from the Tutors in the Practical Work.

The Committee received reports from Miss Baggallay and Miss Parsons, Tutors to the students in the practical work on the Public Health and Hospital sides respectively. (For reports see file 196c)

5. Arrangements for the ceremony of Presentation of Certificates 1932.

Discussion took place concerning arrangements for the ceremony of presentation of certificates 1932. The following recommendations were passed:-

Recommended that the date of the ceremony be fixed for July 11th or 12th in accordance with the convenience of Sir Arthur Stanley.

that the following suggestions be submitted to Sir Arthur Stanley for the Chief Speaker and Presenter of certificates:-

Miss Margery Fry
The Duchess of Atholl
Mrs. Baldwin

that it be indicated to Sir Arthur Stanley that the preference of the committee is in the order of the names given.

that Miss V. Snellman an old student (1921-22) who is doing important work in Finland, be invited to make the speech representing the Nursing side.

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6. Question of the continuance of the course beyond the current session.

The Chairman informed the committee of the sudden death of the Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, Mr. Gordon Berry.

She proceeded to read a letter from the Acting Secretary-General informing the Committee that the efforts made by the League to obtain the necessary funds to carry on the course after the end of the current session had not yet been successful; that the result of the negotiations with the Carnegie Corporation, New York, still remained uncertain and that no definite decision could be taken concerning the continuance of the course until the arrival of Mr. Swift who had been appointed Secretary-General from February 1st. (For letter see file 196)

The Chairman called upon Mrs. Carter to speak further to this matter.

It was then explained to the Committee at some length that there was on foot a scheme for an International memorial to Florence Nightingale; that the International Council of Nurses who were dealing with this matter had agreed that a centre in London for the post-graduate education of Nurses would be a fitting memorial and had asked the National Council of British Nurses to consider the question of making arrangements for such a course; that on Thursday January 14th there was to be an unofficial meeting of English members of the International Council and certain members of the British Red Cross, at which Mrs. Carter would be present, to decide how far the League could collaborate with the International Council in their scheme. It was explained that the International Council had at present no funds at their disposal and that in any case plans for the Nightingale memorial would not be sufficiently mature to affect the year 1932-33.

The question was asked whether the League might perhaps finance the International Course for one further year in view of the possibility of the International Council responsible for the Nightingale Memorial using the machinery already set up by the League as a centre for the post-graduate education of Nurses.

Mrs. Carter said that she could give no opinion on this point.

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A member of the committee asked whether it was possible for Bedford College and the College of Nursing to help towards the financing of the course for 1932-33.

Considerable discussion took place on all the various aspects of the question and members of the committee realised that even though the course might be continued for the year 1932-33 it was at the same time quite possible that the International Council for the Nightingale Memorial might choose other ways of carrying out their scheme. It was, however, strongly urged by members present that the International Course at Bedford College was well known throughout many parts of the world and was held in high approval by many members of the International Council and that it was more than possible that the organisation connected therewith would be favourably regarded as the basis for the Nightingale memorial.

After further discussion the following recommendations were passed:

RESOLVED that in view of the proposals now receiving the consideration of the "International Council of Nurses for the Nightingale Memorial" the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students urge the Council of Bedford College to explore and consider the possibility of giving financial support towards keeping the course for International students operative during the session 1932-33.

that a similar resolution be sent to the Council of the College of Nursing.

Recommended that the following resolution be sent to the League of Red Cross Societies:-

"That in view of the possibility of other financial assistance being forthcoming during the next few years, every effort be made to continue the course for International Students for 1932-33.

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7. Curricula for ensuing session.

RESOLVED that the question of the curricula for the ensuing session be postponed until further information about the continuance of the course is to hand.

8. Re-appointment of Visiting Lecturers.

RESOLVED that the re-appointment of Visiting Lecturers be postponed until the next meeting of the Organisation Committee.

9. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed in accordance with information received from Mrs. Carter after the unofficial meeting on Thursday January 14th referred to in minute 6.

10. Other business.

On the motion of Miss Darbyshire, carried unanimously

RESOLVED that a letter of congratulation be sent from this meeting to Dame Margaret Tuke.