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Miss M.F. Tuke,
Principal,
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Regent's Park,
LONDON N.W.I.

Dear Principal,

I have just received your letter of February 22nd and am replying to it immediately.

The Secretary General wrote to Sir Arthur Stanley a short time ago with reference to the International Courses, informing him of the Recommendation of the Bedford College Committee that the present scheme between Bedford College, the College of Nursing and the League be continued for another year, and pointing out that the approval of this Recommendation would involve continuing the grant to Bedford College for another year.

In replying to the Secretary General Sir Arthur Stanley enclosed a letter from Miss Lloyd Still whom he had consulted as Chairman of the Education Committee of the College of Nursing. Sir Arthur Stanley, at the same time, recommended that the Courses be continued. I am enclosing you a copy of Miss Lloyd Still's letter which is most encouraging.

Sir Arthur Stanley is concerned with finance in that he is a member of our Executive Committee; at the same time he is also "rapporteur" on nursing questions, so that the Executive Committee will be very much guided by him when it comes to the question of approving the continuation of the grant for another year. It was really with this in view that I suggested a talk with him might be helpful. His recent correspondence, however, shows that he is fully in

Miss Tuke,

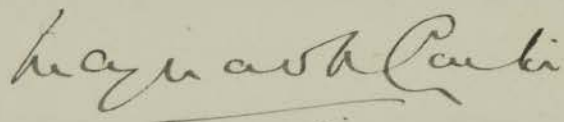
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in favour of the Recommendation made by Bedford College, and that we can rely upon his whole-hearted approval, or that of his delegate at the Executive Committee meeting which will take place on April 5th.

You will be pleased to hear that Mademoiselle d'Haussonville of the French Red Cross has kindly accepted the invitation to speak at the Presentation of Certificates. The Secretary General is asking the Siamese Minister in London to represent the Board of Governors of the League, and we hope he will accept. I am so sorry I shall not be able to be present myself.

With my very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Maynard L. Carter,
Chief, Nursing Division.

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St. Thomas's Hospital,
S.E. 1

13th February 1929

Dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to your inquiry regarding the International Students and the College of Nursing Education Department, it is very difficult to put on paper the real value of these Courses. I understand that the financial side is under consideration, but the inauguration of such Courses and their successful development during the early years (which have already proved so full of promise and possibilities), can only be carried to a successful issue as they can be assured of financial support. Of their success there can be no doubt. Apart from the theoretical and practical side of the work, the linking up of these students from all parts of the world is such a tremendous international asset, that the work of the League of Nations alone can be compared with it. Not one of these students but goes back with an inside knowledge of the work here and a bond of friendship is forged which can never be forgotten.

It is true that the Courses will have to be re-adjusted, the greatest difficulty lying in the fact that they have to be arranged to meet the requirements of students coming from various countries where training, organization and education are of diverse standards and sometimes far below University standard. I believe that during the next twelve months the whole position is to come under consideration on the theoretical side, by the College of Nursing and Bedford College.

The difficulty of the practical Training Centre has ever been present and to a certain extent you have made a definite beginning with reference to the Centre by allowing it to be linked up with St. Thomas's Hospital Social Department and its various clinics in Lambeth. This side of the work should develop very considerably in the near future.

As at the moment we are not using that practical Centre for the training of our own nurses, I can hardly ask you, as Treasurer, to meet the cost of Miss Baggallay's salary, but I do emphatically trust that the League may see its way to continue these Courses with the knowledge that they have

justified their existence in a degree hardly to be expected, both on the theoretical and the practical sides, apart from the influence for good which is so far-reaching that we do not see its limits. I would beg that they may be continued and very careful inquiry made as regards certain necessary readjustments of finance and teaching.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) Alicia Lloyd Still

Matron St. Thomas's Hospital.