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Dear Mrs. Reid,

Many thanks for your letter just received.

The points I particularly wanted to discuss with you were these:-

(1) Re the shortened social course. I want to know if a student who has taken the year's course at the National Health Institute in Berners St. and passed her Sanitary Inspector's exam, and also has her Health Visitors Certificate would be eligible under (c). I have studied your suggested course carefully and it seems to me that she would need to take all the compulsory subjects and social psychology in addition, having already qualified in hygiene and physiology. The girl in question has not quite made up her mind whether she will take the social course, even if she is allowed to do it in one year, but I should be glad to know your decision in the matter, as I think this will influence her.

(2) I want to know how we are to find time for our students, if they take the Bedford College Social Training Course, to study Theology. We propose to put in one lecture a week all through the two years and some coaching. Can they be relieved of any of their practical work in order to give them time for this, and have you come to any decision in regard to making Theology an alternative subject during their second year? Could it be taken for example instead of Development of Political Thought?

(3) When my brother planned the Woodbrooke social course in connection with Birmingham University, the University decided that a certain number of the lectures might be taken at Woodbrooke ~~provided~~ provided that there was one examination. This has continued for eight years or more and seems to have answered remarkably well. Quite often the Woodbrooke students come out rather higher than the others because they have more facilities for discussions and private coaching. It seems to me that we are much in the same position here. We have a staff of lecturers

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for the sake of the men and women who are not taking a University course and it seems to me to be a waste of the students' time and energy and also of our money for the social students to be going all the way to Bedford College or the London School of Economics for lectures they could take here.

I should like to suggest that we should be responsible for social psychology and industrial history, and possibly, later on for one more subject. Our students would for the present at any rate still require to have individual coaching in economics and other subjects taken at the College. Our lecturers this winter in these two subjects suggested are:-

Industrial History - Mrs. Walter Barton (née Dorothy Zimmern), a tutor at the L.S.E. ~~Zimmern~~

Psychology - Mr. Willis, who took psychology as one of his principal subjects in his tripos I believe. He is a particularly good teacher and our girls gained much from his coaching last year.

I should be glad to have an answer to (1) as soon as possible. (2) & (3) will, I expect, have to await a meeting of your Board. I am so sorry to trouble you on your holiday, but the lengthening of the social course is making it impossible for us to take an extra term devoted almost entirely to Bible Study and methods of teaching, so we are finding it difficult to plan our work for the next two years.

Yours sincerely,

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