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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee appointed to consider
Courses for English Nurses held on Monday, 18th Nov. 1929

Report of the Committee appointed to consider

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At a meeting of the Committee appointed to consider Courses for English Nurses held on Monday, 18th November 1929 at 3 p.m.

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

The Chairman asked the representatives of the College of Nursing to state their view as to what were the needs of those Nurses who would be likely to require courses of instruction.

It was stated in reply that the ultimate aim was some form of Internal University Diploma for English Nurses and that the College of Nursing should eventually become an institution recognised by the University for preparing students for this diploma; that in the meanwhile it would be of great value if courses such as those outlined below could be available for English Nurses:-

- (1) The one year's course for the Health Visitors Diploma already supplied by Bedford College for such as had not already obtained the Diploma of the Royal Sanitary Institute
- (2) An advanced course on Public Health Work for such nurses as have already obtained the Royal Sanitary Institute Diploma and have had some practical experience in Public Health work.
- (3) An advanced course on Hospital Administration for experienced Nurses.

It was pointed out that there was already a 6 months' course in Public Health Work at the College of Nursing which was likely to have to be continued for some time but something more than this was wanted for students with a better general education who were able to go further. It was suggested that Bedford College and the College of Nursing should co-operate to see whether by the utilisation of existing courses both at the College of Nursing and Bedford College the greater part of courses mentioned under (1) (2) (3) would not already be supplied.

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Discussion took place

RESOLVED that a sub-committee be appointed to draw up a curriculum for a 1 year course to equip English Nurses for the Royal Sanitary Institute Diploma and the Bedford College Health Visitors' Diploma.

that Mrs. Reid, Miss Hallowes, Miss Baggallay and Miss Bowes be appointed to serve on this Committee

The Committee proceeded to discuss the questions of advanced courses proposed under (2) and (3) above. It was pointed out that if such courses were to lead to an Internal Diploma in Nursing the students would have to free themselves from their professional work for the year when studying for the Diploma.

That students desiring to take the advanced course must have had some experience in the practical side of the Work of a Health Visitor. That if courses at the College of Nursing were included in the work for the Internal Diploma of Nurses certain teachers of the College of Nursing would have to be recognised by the University for this purpose.

Representatives of the College of Nursing expressed the view that if such a diploma was instituted the Red Cross and similar Societies might consider the question of giving scholarships which would enable Nurses to free themselves from their professional duties for one year; that without the inducement of a University diploma such scholarships were not likely to be forthcoming.

Professor Edgell pointed out that the External Diploma of Nursing was still in its infancy and it would need a strong argument before the University was likely to recognise the necessity for the introduction of an Internal Diploma after so short a trial of the External one; that it would be necessary to be able to convince the University

- (i) That the New Diploma was something to obtain which English Nurses would consider it worth while to free themselves from their professional duties for one year.
- (ii) A sound syllabus for such a course.

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suggested in
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After further discussion

- RESOLVED that a sub-committee be appointed to explore the position and see if a satisfactory scheme of study can be drawn up.
- that the Chairman of the Board, Miss Bowes, Professor Edgell, Miss Hallowes, Miss Lloyd Still, Mrs. Reid and Professor Spencer be appointed to form this sub-committee.
- that Miss Jebb be invited to attend if a meeting be held before her term of office begins.
- that students entering for any of the courses outlined above be students of Bedford College.
- that the question of what body should be responsible for the selection of students and drawing up the courses of study be deferred till the next meeting.
- that the next meeting of the committee be fixed for 3 p.m. on December 3rd to receive a report from the Committee appointed to draw up a curriculum for a 1 year course of study to equip English nurses for the Royal Sanitary Institute Diploma and the Bedford College Health Visitors Diploma.

Addition to the Committee.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Miss Bowes was not a member of the Committee except as a substitute for Miss Hallowes; that the wish had been expressed that Miss Bowes be made a member of the Committee.

- RESOLVED that the Academic Board be asked to add Miss Bowes to the Committee appointed to consider courses for English Nurses.

*Approved J. T. White
Dec 3. 1929.*