

BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

(University of London)

Report of Hygiene Committee. March 19th, 1908.

The Committee appointed to consider possible changes and developments in the Hygiene Course, have met twice. On the first occasion two sub-committees were appointed - one to consider the extension of the present course, the other to frame a course suitable for Teachers of Hygiene in Schools. These sub-committees reported to the Hygiene Committee on March 18th, and the Committee now reports and recommends as follows:-

(1) With a view of more fully meeting the requirements of those students who are intending to take up public work, such as Sanitary or Factory Inspectorships, the present course should be extended by adding a new group of subjects, Industrial Legislation, and Economics, and an addition to the Hygiene teaching of the Laws enacted in Sanitation.

This extension would be met by lengthening the present course of Hygiene to include 60 lectures instead of 40, and by providing a fourth term of work, in which the Industrial and Economics subjects should be dealt with.

The draft Course submitted by the sub-committee was adopted ~~unanimously~~ in an amended form as follows:-

<u>Mich. term</u>	<u>Lent term</u>	<u>Easter term</u>	<u>Mich. term</u>
Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Hygiene Law
Physics	Physics	Physics	Diseases of Occupation.
Bacteriology	Physiology	Physiology	Special Courses on Law of Evidence & Industrial and Social Legislation.
<i>General Biology.</i>	Hygiene	Hygiene	Economics (3 hrs. a week).

* It was strongly urged by some members of the Committee that the fourth term should include a course of lectures on the requirements of child life.

It was recommended also that for students qualifying to be Sanitary Inspectors, opportunities should be arranged with other suitable institutions for them to learn something of sick nursing and care of children. This should be undertaken in the fourth term, as an alternative to, or concurrently with, the Economics Course.

The Committee urge that the Council should be asked to proceed as soon as possible to obtain recognition of the College Diploma as a qualification for Sanitary Inspectorships, and further to obtain University recognition for the Course and its Diploma.

* It was agreed that the course in Physiology & Hygiene should devote certain lectures to the Physiology & Hygiene of children

(2) With regard to a course suitable for Teachers of Hygiene in Schools, the Committee recommends a course to be carried on for two terms of 40 lectures, each lecture to be followed by two hours practical work. To make the course available for Teachers in London Schools, the work would have to be done in the evening, and the hours would therefore be 6.30 - 9.30 p.m. or 7 - 10 p.m.

Intending Students would be required to show that they had some preliminary scientific qualification in Physics and Chemistry, approximately that of the Inter. B.Sc.

The course would be intended for those who were already teachers, or were qualifying to be teachers. The object would be (1) to give them a practical knowledge of Hygiene (2) to qualify them to teach it in the best methods. A certificate would be given after an examination to be held at the end of the course.

The Committee understand that it is possible that an application to the L.C.C. for a grant for equipment might be favourably considered.

The Course might be advertised as
"Hygiene of Human Life", a practical course designed to qualify for the teaching of the subject in Schools and Colleges.