Public Health Course 1934 -35

Report of Practical Work during Easter Vacation.

The Easter vacation is the most profitable period of practical work which we have in the Public Health Course. The students are more accustomed to English conditions and have had the majority of their theoretical preparation.

I usually try to get them out of London for this experience and make individual arrangements for them.

I have here a detailed programme of the work they did.

I particularly value the opportunity which the group had of spending four days in East Sussex studying the organization of the public health work in the country and the work of the nurses there; they visited small rural clinics and spent time visiting with the nurses in their districts. On the last day, I was able to join them and we had an interesting visit to the offices of the County Nursing Federation when the Superintendent explained the scheme of supervision and answered questions.

After that, the majority of the group went individually for two weeks' work with a nurse or health visitor doing county work.

Miss Clamageran particularly wished to study the training of the Health Visitor and spent two weeks in Durham in their training centre.

Miss Williamson and Miss Dickinson had four weeks! work with County Health Visitors, the one in Surrey, the other in West Sussex.

Miss Behrendt particularly wished to study the work of a hospital almoner in a small hospital, and through the kindness of the Institute of Hospital Almoners, she was sent to Aylesbury and worked with the almoner in the Royal Bucks Hospital.

Miss Ross and Miss Smith had a long trip abroad, two weeks of which was vacation in Italy. But they visited Paris, Lyon, Brussels and Zagreb and saw something of the Public Health work in those places. They were much impressed with the conditions in Zagreb and the work being done there. They met several Old Internationals during the trip.

Miss Norman, at her own request, went to see the nursing and public health work in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Colonel Parkinson very kindly arranged this for her through the Scotlish Board of Health, and it was a most successful experience.

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