

For Nursing Committee  
27th January 1930.

Suggested information on which to base a reply  
to the Commonwealth Fund  
in answer to their letter of the  
16th January 1930.

DETAILS CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Value of Scholarships.

Time of course - 1 year including the necessary holidays which will occupy about 2 months.

Tuition at Bedford College . . . . .	£ 45.
Less Ministry of Health Grant for Health Visitors	<u>15</u>
Balance to be paid for tuition	£30
Board and residence calculated at £2.10.0 per week	£110
Travelling and personal expenses	<u>45</u> 155
	<u>£ 185</u>

2. Number of Scholarships.

The number of candidates who present themselves to the College of Nursing for a six months' training is roughly 40 students in the year. Of these it is considered that one-third are good candidates quite up to the required standard for scholarships. Therefore the number of scholarships which could be utilised would be about 13.

3. Award of Scholarships.

Selection of scholarship candidates to be in the hands of a joint committee of Bedford College and the College of Nursing. The general qualifications required for those taking up these grants to be:-

- (a) Evidence of a good general education up to 18 years.
- (b) A full Nursing Training. Candidates must be registered on the general part of the State Register for Nurses, having had a 3 years Nursing training in a School approved by the General Nursing Council.
- (c) Candidates must be Midwives, holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

It is proposed that candidates entering for scholarships should be required to pass a scholarship examination which should include a paper on General Knowledge and a paper on some subject selected by the College of Nursing; that the candidates should be interviewed as to their personal suitability; that the final decision as to suitability should rest in the hands of the committee who would make recommendations to the Council of Bedford College for the award of the scholarships.

It is further proposed that those students who take the year's course (syllabus enclosed), obtain the certificate and hold the Ministry's certificate shall be eligible for a further course of 3 months training in Mental Health Work in connection with the work of local education authorities among school children and mental defectives living in the community, the course to include lectures on the theoretical side, home visiting and a period of residence in an institution. For such students an additional three months scholarship at the rate indicated above would be required.

Further, if such a course is instituted, financial assistance for the payment of lecturers' fees would also be required.