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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on Monday,
19th May 1930.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Monday 19th May 1930 at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggalâay
Miss Bowes
Mrs. Carter
Miss Cowlin
Miss Darbyshire
Professor Edgell
Miss Hallowes
Miss Lloyd Still
Mrs. Williams Mrs. Reid
The Secretary.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. Arising out of Minutes - arrangements for Presentation Ceremony.

Reported that in order to suit Sir Arthur Stanley the date of the Presentation Ceremony had been changed to Friday July 11th; that Miss Margaret Bondfield had agreed, provided parliamentary duties permitted, to present the certificates and make a speech.

Mrs. Carter reported that as Miss Bondfield was going to speak there would not be any need for more than one more speech besides that of the Principal and of Sir Arthur Stanley. She proposed for the fourth speaker Lady Symons, Member of the Board of Management of the Indian Red Cross and President of the Nurses' Association of India, and stated that she would represent both the Nursing interest and also the League of Red Cross Societies.

Later Mr. Kittredge, Director General of the League of Red Cross Societies, was present at the meeting and approved the proposal that Lady Symons should be asked to speak.

RESOLVED that Lady Symons be asked to speak at the ceremony for the Presentation of Certificates to International Students.

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3. Admission of Students 1930-31

A list of applications for admission for 1930-31 had been circulated to the Committee. Mrs. Carter spoke to the matter.

(a) Course for Nurse Administrators.

i. Candidates who fulfil requirements.

Reported that applications had been received from:-

Miss Christova	Bulgaria
Miss Bourni	Greece
Miss Violetta Besesti	Italy
Miss Elza Nulle-Siecenieks	Latvia
Miss Phorn Diskul	Siam

Mrs. Carter stated that all the above candidates were quite up to standard and were recommended for admission by the League of Red Cross Societies.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that the above five students be admitted to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing for the 1930-31 course.

ii. Application from the German Red Cross.

Mrs. Carter reported that an application had been received from the German Red Cross for a candidate 44 years of age with one year's training followed by seven years' experience; that the matter had been referred back to the German Red Cross as the League considered that the candidate's training was below that of the general standard in Germany and that she would not be able to profit by the course at Bedford College.

It was further stated that the German Red Cross had been informed (Nurse that the League would still be glad to award a scholarship to a German/ provided they sent up a scholar who was up to their general standard.

RESOLVED that the action taken by the League of Red Cross Societies with regard to the application from the German Red Cross be approved.

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iii. Application from the Hungarian Red Cross.

Reported an application had been received from the Hungarian Red Cross for a candidate aged 40 years; that the case had been referred back to the Hungarian Red Cross as the League considered that the candidate's training and experience were too short for her to benefit by the course; that it had been suggested that she should complete her three years' training in Hungary and postpone taking the International Course until 1931.

RESOLVED that the action taken by the League of Red Cross Societies with regard to the application from the Hungarian Red Cross be approved.

b. Public Health Course

Reported that applications for admission had been received from:-

i. Candidate fulfilling requirements.

Miss Eveline Maud Crothers Great Britain.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that Miss E.M. Crothers, Great Britain, be admitted to the Public Health Course for 1930-31.

ii. Candidates recommended for admission under the exception clause

Miss Fusse Negger Austria
Miss Eliamma Thomas India

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that Miss Fusse Negger, Austria, and Miss Eliamma Thomas, India, be admitted to the Public Health Course for 1930-31.

Mrs. Carter further reported that there were expectations of having a student from Turkey, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, and Columbia and she anticipated that the International Group would this year be 15 or 16 students; that endeavour would be made when awarding new scholarships to try to balance as far as possible the numbers in the two courses.

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4. To consider the advisability of abolishing formal examinations for International Students and substituting reports on their work and progress.

Mrs. Reid spoke to this matter strongly urging that the formal examination for International Students should be given up, pointing out that the effect of the strain of the new work and language difficulties was considerable and that a general atmosphere of worry and overwork permeated the whole house at Manchester Square. She also put forward as a reason against a formal examination that she did not think it was a fair method of testing their efficiency since the language difficulty varied so considerably in different cases.

A letter was read from Colonel Parkinson endorsing what Mrs. Reid had said. Professor Edgell further supported the motion. Mrs. Carter testified to the injurious effect on the health of the students caused by anxiety in connection with the examination at the end of the year. She pointed out to the Committee that each one regarded herself as a representative of her nation and that anyone who failed was marked for life as having failed her country; that the whole idea became exaggerated in their minds and that the national responsibility became too great a burden in many cases.

Discussion took place as to what should be substituted for the formal examination should the latter be given up.

Recommended that the formal examination for the International Students be abolished.

that the certificates presented to students at the end of the year's course be endorsed on the back with the subjects in which they have satisfied their teachers and that the marks obtained throughout the year be used as a basis for the endorsement or non endorsement of the certificate for each separate subject.

5. Reports from Tutors in the practical work.

a. Miss Baggallay, Tutor to the Public Health Students.

The Committee received a report from Miss Baggallay concerning the practical work of the students taking the Public Health Course. For report see file 196c.

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Office in Kennington Road.

Miss Baggallay reported that the office in Kennington Road set up for the purpose of training the students in office routine hardly in her opinion justified its existence. She informed the Committee that they now had the use of an office and class room at St. Thomas's Hospital and that anything which was done at Kennington Road could be equally well done at the Hospital. She stated that it was really only used to any considerable extent in the months of August and September.

Discussion took place and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Secretary and Miss Baggallay as to whether the office should be given up and if so as to what the date of surrender should be.

b. Miss Bowes, Tutor to the Nurse Administrators.

The Committee received a report from Miss Bowes concerning the practical work of the students taking the Nurse Administrators Course. For report see file 196c.

6. Date of next meeting

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed for July 8th at 5.0 p.m.

7. Other business.

Mr. Kittredge, Director General of the League of Red Cross Societies, said that he would like to take this opportunity of expressing the appreciation of the League of Red Cross Societies for the support of Bedford College in the development of what he called one of the most interesting experiments in the Nursing world which had ever been made. He stated that the effect throughout the world was remarkable.