

For Organisation Committee
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The F.N.I.F. Organisation Committee instructed us to make recommendations as to future provision for teaching Psychiatry.

At present Dr. Hutchison gives six lectures on Psychiatry at Bedford College in the Summer term; these lectures, C9, are in fact, though not in name, on Child Psychiatry. They are attended by Public Health students of the College, almost always F.N.I.F. students, averaging 4 or 5 a year. In addition Health Visitor trainees, averaging about 16 a year, attend from the College of Nursing.

In the last two or three years there has grown up some demand from F.N.I.F. students to attend Psychiatry courses, rather longer and not dealing specially with Child Psychiatry. This demand has been met in several cases by sending students to courses under Dr. Hadfield at King's College.

Miss Baggallay is of opinion that, if an appropriate course in Psychiatry were offered at this College, there would probably be about 10 F.N.I.F. students wishing to take it each year.

Part of the ground needing to be covered in a Psychiatry course is already covered in course B4, Applied Psychology, taken by Dr. Mace and Mrs. Folley.

The Sub-Committee consider that with some adaptation this course would meet the needs of all the students asking for Psychiatry courses, provided that ten lectures were given in it by a medical psychiatrist.

In that case B4 would be divided into three courses of ten lectures each (i) by Dr. Mace (ii) by Mrs. Folley and (iii) by a medical psychiatrist.

B4 (iii) would have to be given in such a form that the lectures could be followed by some students who had not taken B4 (i) and (ii). Such students would usually have taken, or be taking B3, General Psychology, unless they were exempt on grounds of previous training in Psychology.

B4, as re-constituted, would meet the needs of Social Studies students, except that emphasis on industrial psychology would be missing. Either Dr. Mace or Mrs. Folley, relieved by the new

lecturer of ten lectures, would give a special course of ten lectures for students needing industrial psychology.

So far as the Sub-Committee can see, the proposed arrangement would meet all present needs and would obviate the necessity for sending F.N.I.F. students to outside courses. The addition of a course in Psychiatry would be of value to both the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Social Studies. For instance, students contemplating probation work or Care Committee work would profit by attending it.

The Sub-Committee is not in a position to say what the financial effect of the change would be, but they point out that it would mean broadly payment for ten lectures, instead of for six lectures, against which the fees paid to another College would be saved.

The Sub-Committee recommends that the course of six lectures given by Dr. Hutchison be discontinued; and that a course of ten lectures on Psychiatry, somewhat different in treatment, be substituted.