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Miss M.F. Tuke,
Principal, Bedford College for Women,
Regent's Park,
LONDON N.W. I.

Dear Principal,

I have just returned from a five weeks' visit to the Baltic countries, Finland and Czechoslovakia, and have had a most interesting time. I was able to see nineteen of the Old Students at work, and was so encouraged with what I saw. All of them spoke very enthusiastically and also affectionately of their days at Bedford, and felt convinced that their experience in England had been of great value to them in their work.

I have been going carefully through the Agreement between the League and Bedford College (dated March 16th 1927), and also between Bedford College and the College of Nursing, and I find that these will soon be coming to an end, and that we must already begin to think of the future.

The College of Nursing undertook to accept your scheme for the organization of the International Courses for a period of two years instead of three as suggested by your Council. These two years come to an end at the close of this session, and we are anxious to know if the College of Nursing is prepared to continue the present arrangement for a further period, or if you have some alternative scheme to propose.

The Agreement between the League and Bedford College, by which the former placed at the disposal of Bedford College the sum of £ 1222 per year for a period of three years for carrying out certain improvements in the Courses, comes to an end in 1930. Before the Secretary General can make any recommendation with reference to the renewal of this grant, he would be glad if the whole financial situation with regard to the Courses could be reviewed, and if possible the amount of the grant reduced.

The last three years have been a period of experimentation; considerable changes have been made in the curriculum, certain of the original courses have been dropped, or the number of lectures reduced, while other lectures have been added. The practical work has been entirely reorganized, while, at the same time, the number of students has increased annually from 12 to 23. We hope in the future to maintain an average of 20 students per year.

We feel, therefore, that the time has come when this period of experimentation might cease, when the financial situation might be revised, and if possible put upon a more permanent basis, so that we could look forward to reducing the special grant to a minimum.

The expenses with regard to Manchester Square have been brought down to a minimum, ensuring, at the same time, the maintenance of a reasonable standard of comfort. The cost of the educational side, however is high, due very largely to the problems which arise in organizing a course of this kind for a foreign group with so wide a variety of educational and professional backgrounds. We feel, however, that it would be more satisfactory from all points of view if we could arrive at an inclusive fee per student per session, which would include all the lectures, and in that way reduce the special grant to the amount necessary to cover the salaries of the two nurses appointed by Bedford College to supervise the practical training of the students.

I shall be in London for the meeting on January 18th, and would like to talk this question over very fully with you, if you would be so kind as to spare the time. It may seem to you somewhat soon to bring up the matter, as the Agreement does not come to an end until 1930, but in our work, our arrangements for the International Course have always to be made at least a year in advance, and in considering it during the next few months, it is possible that your committee could make a recommendation to the Secretary General at its meeting in March.

I am so glad to learn that this year's group is maintaining a high standard, and is working under less strain than is usual during the first few months of the Course.

The Principal

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I am leaving on Saturday for a month's vacation, which I am spending in Paris, but I shall return to the office on January 16th in time to leave for London on the 18th.

With my very kind regards and with all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maynard L. Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Maynard L. Carter,
Chief, Nursing Division.