

R E P O R T

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It has not been possible to spare time for practical experience during the term, but several visits of observation to different types of hospitals were arranged for the group of students taking the course in Hospital Administration.

Miss Musson gave 10 lectures dealing with the administration of a hospital training school. The students attended the College of Nursing alternate weeks for coaching. ^{Last term} ~~In this case~~, I ~~have~~ dealt mainly with the management of a preliminary training school and the curriculum and arrangement of the practical work for a course for nurses extending over a period of three years. The students have themselves undertaken papers, adapting the general principle to the needs of their own countries. This term I propose to enlarge upon the organisation of the various departments in the hospital under the control of the Matron, such as Laundry, Linen Room and Kitchen, and to deal with office work and record keeping.

The present group with the exception of Miss Ripol, have already some background of practical experience, which has enabled them to make good use of the opportunities afforded for observation of the work in the hospitals that they have visited. They have shown a most intelligent interest in the work and here

I would like to mention the names of Miss Pusch and Miss Vidacovich, who are, in my opinion, the outstanding students in this group.

During the Christmas vacation the routine work of the hospitals is always somewhat dis-organised and it was only possible to arrange for approximately one week of practical experience. From my conversation with the students and from the reports received from the hospitals there is no doubt that in every case, they were most anxious to make use of their opportunities and quick to grasp essentials.

In connection with arrangements for practical work, the great need at present is for extended facilities to enable students to obtain an insight into the work of the Matron herself. It appeared to me that this would best be obtained at a small hospital, where the Matron is personally responsible for most of the duties, which in a larger institution are delegated to different members of the staff.

To put this to the test, with the kind co-operation of Miss Reade of East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, Miss Alberti was sent for one week, which she spent in the matron's office, in this way obtaining experience which will be most valuable to her in her future work.

This Committee was of the opinion that it would be advisable in the future, ~~not to extend~~ ^{instead of} the lectures given by members of the

staff of special hospitals, the number of lectures given by Miss Musson and Dr. Eason should be increased. Miss Musson has consented to undertake 20 lectures if the Committee so desires, but Dr. Eason, owing to stress of work, finds it impossible to repeat the course of lectures in Hospital Administration next term (see letters attached).

Would this Committee consider the advisability of making arrangements to allow students whose previous experience in hospital work is limited, to spend at least three months in an English Hospital Training School before entering for the course in Hospital Administration in August ?

Without this background I feel the student is apt to gain a somewhat distorted impression of her work and is unable to appreciate fully the value of her studies at Bedford College, ^{in connection with} ~~or to apply them to~~ her work in the nursing field.

*Miss Carter
graduate with
degree who
always try
to manage it.*