

Copy given to Mr. Reid

23rd October 1933.

Dear Miss Morris,

The Committee for the Organisation of International Courses at Bedford College has been asked by some former students, now doing responsible Public Health work in various countries, whether in future the course could be extended to include some training for Hospital Social Service - the candidates for the specialised course to be limited to those already qualified as Health Visitors in their own country.

There is a definite need for such training in several European countries, where the nurses are expected to undertake this work as part of their duties as Public Health workers.

Our students arrive in this country by August, and are ready to start work by August 15th. They do practical Public Health work until the beginning of the October term, followed by theoretical work with visits of observation until Christmas. Should your Council feel able to help with the specialised

training for Hospital Social Service, we understand that you would require the students to undertake a preliminary period of training in a C.O.S. office. If this is so, we would approach the C.O.S. and ask them to give the students facilities for gaining this experience. We hope that by adaptation of the theoretical part of the time-table from Christmas this part of the training would be completed by the end of April, including one month's full-time consecutive work.

If at the end of their C.O.S. training the students receive good reports, would your Council agree to admit them for training in your Almoners' Department, on the understanding that they could not give more than three months to this specialised training, dating from the end of the following June?

If the principle of our students' admission to your department could be established, further details as to allocation of practical work in the summer term would be considered later, in consultation with you.

The question of giving such students certificates was

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raised at the meeting which you kindly attended on October 9th, 1933. At that time it was understood that such students could not expect to receive anything but a statement from the Almoners' Council as to the work they had done. Your Council would, I presume, be prepared to give such a statement.

The question of fees will also have to be gone into, but this I will leave until the preliminary negotiations are further advanced.

Yours sincerely,

Director of the Department
of Social Studies.