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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on Monday, 4th
July 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Monday, 4th July 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter

Professor Edgell
Mrs. Edkins
Miss Lloyd Still
Miss MacManus
Colonel Parkinson
Miss Parsons
Mrs. Reid
Mrs. Williams
Mr. Ernest Swift - by invitation
The Secretary.

Before the formal business of the Committee proceeded, the Chairman on behalf of the Committee welcomed the Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies, Mr. Ernest J. Swift, who was present at the Committee by invitation.

1. Minutes

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

2. Communications received.

- a. Apologies for absence were received from:- Miss Darbyshire
- b. A letter was read from the College of Nursing concerning the International Memorial to Florence Nightingale stating as follows:

"The Council of the College of Nursing will wish to continue its co-operation with Bedford College, but until the Statutes of the Foundation are known it will not be possible to anticipate what form such co-operation may take.

The Council of the College of Nursing, however, looks forward to the continuance of the pleasant relations of co-operation with Bedford College which it has been privileged to enjoy for many years."

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3. Recommendations for the award of certificates for 1931-32.

The Committee received a report from the Director of Social Studies and Economics with recommendations for the award of League of Red Cross Societies' certificates to International Students for 1931-32.

As the result of the Director's report

RESOLVED that certificates be awarded as follows;-

a. Students who have completed the Public Health Course.

Roksanda Cabrinovic
Lila Florence Jacob
Elli Montin
Frantiska Picova
Mary Sharpe
Slava Smiljanic

b. Students who have completed the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers.

Eeva Aitto
Marjorie Fulton Barnett (with distinction in Hospital Administration, History of Nursing and Psychology)
Zoe Bourni
Aloisia Menish
Dafinka Nikodimova
Lucy Ottley (with distinction in every subject taken)
Maria Senni
Zofia Wilkomirska

A warm tribute of praise was made by the Director and the other teachers concerned to the work of Miss Ottley throughout the year.

4. Admission of Students for 1932-33.

a. Reconsideration of students whose acceptance was deferred from the May meeting.

i. Veronika Monkute - Lithuania (Public Health Course)

Mrs. Carter informed the Committee that Veronika Monkute had arrived in England on June 4th; that Miss Dorsey reported her to

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be very promising and thought there was no doubt that her English would be up to the standard by the beginning of the October term.

RESOLVED that because of the language difficulty the formal admission of Veronika Monkute be postponed until October and that the question of admitting her so far as her/English is concerned be left in the hands of the Director of Social Studies.

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ii. Vinka Sholjan - Jugoslavia. (Public Health Course)

Reported that Vinka Sholjan had not yet arrived in England but was expected shortly.

The Secretary General of the League spoke of Miss Sholjan as a very promising student.

RESOLVED that because of the language difficulty the formal admission of Vinka Sholjan be postponed until October and that the question of admitting her so far as her knowledge of English is concerned be left in the hands of the Director of Social Studies.

b. New Applications. Public Health Course.

i. Maria Bettendorff - age 30 - Luxemburg.

Details given by the candidate in her application papers:-

Education - Primary - 6 years 1909-1915

Lycée - 5 years 1915-1921

Professional Training - Mlle. Chaptal's School of Nursing, Paris-
2½ years 1928-31.

Present Position - Public Health Nurse working with the
Luxemburg Red Cross.

Knowledge of English - writing good, speaking fair; speaks
German and French.

Mrs. Carter stated that Miss Bettendorff was in her opinion an excellent candidate; that she was coming to England in August to improve her English before the beginning of the course in October.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that the above candidate be accepted.

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ii. Marie-Thérèse Cécile Lévêque - age 32 - France.

Details given by the candidate in her application papers:

Education - Brevet élémentaire 1917

Prepared for Baccalaureate but interrupted on account of the War.

Professional Training - Nursing, Red Cross Course (U.F.F.)
4 months 1925.

Present Position - Social worker in Citroën Factory.

Knowledge of English - fluent.

It was reported that this candidate had been trained primarily for social work and that her experience had been all along this line; that she did not hold the French State Diploma in Hospital or in Public Health Nursing; that she expected to graduate in the State Diploma for Social Work in 1934.

Mrs. Carter reported that she was a first class candidate but that she was a social worker and not a nurse and that in accepting her the Committee would be making a precedent which might prove a great hindrance in the future.

The case was discussed at some length and it was argued that it was a Public Health Course established for Nurses and that it would be difficult to admit a social worker which in other countries was regarded as quite a different profession. It was finally

RESOLVED that the League of Red Cross Societies be informed that Miss Lévêque is not eligible for admission to the Course for Public Health Workers since she is a Social Worker and not a trained Nurse.

iii. Application from the Belgian Red Cross.

Mrs. Carter reported that another application was expected from the Belgian Red Cross; that she had had a letter and a telegram but no further correspondence.

RESOLVED that further consideration of this application be postponed until October and that the question of admitting the candidate so far as her knowledge of English is concerned be left in the hands of the Director of Social Studies.

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Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing.

i. Lara Monsson - age 32 - Iceland.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:-

Education - Elementary, information incomplete
 Secondary High School, 1 year 1917-18.
Professional Training- Ilankaland, Bergen, Norway - 3 years
 1924-1927
Present Position - Ward Sister at the Landspitalinn.
Knowledge of English - fair, recommended to come to England
 as early as possible.
Recommended by the Iceland Red Cross.

Mrs. Carter reported that no one had seen this candidate but that students who had come from Iceland hitherto had been good and that she thought it likely that this candidate would be quite up to the standard.

RESOLVED that because of the language difficulty formal admission of this candidate be postponed until October and that the question of admitting her so far as her knowledge of English is concerned be left in the hands of the Director of Social Studies.

ii. Irene Weimanowna - age 28 - Poland.

Details given by the Candidate in her application paper:-

Education - Secondary, Lycée 11 years 1911-1922.
Professional Training - Red Cross School of Nursing, Poznan,
 2 years 1926-1928.
Experience - Instructress in the Municipal Hospital,
 Gnieszna, 1 year.
Present Position - Sister in Surgical Dept., Military
 Hospital, Poznan.
Knowledge of English - good; speaks German and French.
Recommended by Polish Red Cross.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that this candidate be accepted.

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iii. Other applications.

Mrs. Carter reported that the League were offering a scholarship to Germany and were expecting applications from the German Red Cross and the Swedish Red Cross.

Mrs. Carter further reported that three applicants had fallen out because of difficulties in their countries; that the numbers were small this year partly because of the difficulty experienced by the local Red Cross Societies in employing the students when they got back to their countries owing to the need for economy in all directions.

5. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed for Wednesday, October 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

6. Other Business

The Secretary General of the League, Mr. Swift, told the Committee that he had lately returned from a tour of the countries where nurses trained at Bedford College were working and that he had come back filled with the utmost enthusiasm for the way they were trained, the way they were doing their work, their strength of purpose and the courage they displayed. He gave examples of countries such as Greece and some of the northern countries where 10 years ago there had been no public health training of any kind, whereas now there were a number of health stations and training schools.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Swift for his encouraging report.