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(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on October 9th 1933.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Monday October 9th 1933 at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Dorsey
Miss Darbyshire
Mrs. Edkins
Mr. Mace
Miss MacManus
Colonel Parkinson
Miss Parsons
Mrs. Reid
Mrs. Williams
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

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

New Member of the Committee.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee welcomed Mr. Mace as Professor Edgell's successor on the committee.

2. Arising out of the Minutes.

Lectures in Hospital Administration.

In the absence of Miss MacManus, Miss Parsons reported that the arrangements for lectures in Hospital Administration and the accompanying Hospital Demonstrations had now been completed; that there would be 18 lectures in all, 13 by Miss Bowes, 2 by Miss Musson, 1 by Miss Morris, Hospital Almoner, 1 by Mrs. Rome and 1 by Miss Wendon a private nurse; that the lectures would be supplemented by five Hospital Demonstrations at the Hospitals. (For full details of this course see attached list on Training School Administration, folio....)

In reply to questions asked, Miss Parsons stated that the arrangements proposed would cover the requirements of the course.

3. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Miss Lloyd Still.

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4. Admission of Students for the 1933-34 course.

a. Doubtful cases.

i. For decision as to which course shall be taken

The following recommendations were received from the Director of Social Studies:-

Carmen Maura (Spain)

"That Carmen Maura, (Spain) be admitted to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers."

Fiorangela Codacci-Pisanelli (Italy)

Reported that Miss Pisanelli's English was weak and that she was recommended for admission to the course for Public Health and not for the course for Nurse Administrators for which she had applied.

Birgit Kansanen (Finland)

"That Birgit Kansanen, Finland, be admitted to the Public Health Course."

Elisabeth Kerekrethy (Hungary)

"That Elisabeth Kerekrethy, Hungary, be admitted to the Public Health Course."

ii. For decision with regard to efficiency in the English language.

Bjorg Bachmann

Reported that her English was quite up to the standard and she was recommended for admission to the course for Nurse Administrators.

On the recommendation of the Director of Social Studies

RESOLVED that the above students be admitted to the courses for which they are recommended.

b. New Applications.

i. Nurse Administrators Course.

The following new application was submitted by the League for admission to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers:-
(For details of qualifications, see folio)

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Jean Townsend (Australia)

Reported that this candidate fulfilled the conditions for admission to the course.

RESOLVED that Miss Jean Townsend, Australia, be admitted to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing for the session 1933-34.

ii. Public Health Course.

Marija Vincek (Yugoslavia)

Reported that Miss Vincek was an experienced and capable nurse, but that her English was poor and her general education slight; that her application for admission was the result of Miss Baggallay's tour in the Spring and was not a recommendation from the League of Red Cross Societies though her application came through them; that the possibility of her not being able to follow the course had been clearly explained to Miss Vincek at the start. The suggestion was put forward that she be allowed to continue in the course until Christmas and then if found unable to follow the course with profit, arrangements be made for her to divert her time to gaining more practical experience.

In reply to this suggestion, Mrs. Carter stated that it was uncertain whether funds provided for a student to follow the full course could be diverted as suggested without the permission of the Provisional Committee and she could not say whether they would be willing to grant such permission.

After discussion

RESOLVED that Miss Vincek be admitted to the course for Public Health on probation until Christmas and that she be informed at once that she cannot be allowed to continue after Christmas unless her English greatly improves.

that Mrs. Carter be asked to make it clear to those who sent Miss Vincek to England that she cannot be retained as a student after Christmas unless her English improves.

Margaret Wall (Great Britain)

Reported that this candidate fulfilled the conditions for admission to the course.

RESOLVED that Miss Margaret Wall be admitted to the course for Public Health for the session 1933-34.

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5. Reports from the Tutors in the practical work.

a. Tutor to the Public Health Students.

Miss Baggallay gave a report on the practical work of the Public Health students for August and September. (For report see file 196 c)

Arising out of Miss Baggallay's report Mrs. Reid informed the committee that Mrs. Mitra from India had missed all the practical work in the summer as she had arrived on September 24th instead of August 15th as she should have done. Mrs. Reid asked that the committee should require Mrs. Mitra to remain longer in the summer of 1934 in order to complete her practical work.

In extenuation of Mrs. Mitra's case it was pointed out that she was a government servant and had not been allowed to leave her post in time to arrive on August 15th.

The Committee discussed the matter and agreed that it was very undesirable that students should think it possible to omit six weeks practical work and still obtain a certificate at the end.

RESOLVED that Mrs. Carter be asked to communicate with the Indian Red Cross and endeavour to make an arrangement whereby Mrs. Mitra should remain after the closing of the course in the summer of 1934 in order to complete the practical work which should have been done in August and September 1933.

b. Tutor to the Nurse Administrator Students.

Miss Parsons gave a report on the practical work of the Nurse Administrator students for the summer months. (For report see file 196c)

A case similar to that of Mrs. Mitra was raised and the committee were informed that Miss Peza, a Greek who had come over from Egypt had also arrived late and lost two weeks of the practical work.

RESOLVED that Mrs. Carter be requested to ask the Greek Red Cross to arrange for Miss Peza to stay two weeks longer in the summer of 1934 in order to complete the practical work lost in the summer of 1933.

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6. Report from Mrs. Carter concerning the Provisional Committee's decision with regard to the session 1934-35.

Mrs. Carter stated that the Provisional Committee (which was a joint committee appointed by the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Council of Nurses to make arrangements for the continuance of the course during the interim period) had met on October 6th and taken a definite decision that the courses for International students should be continued for the session 1934-35; that they already saw a prospect of seven scholarships and it was hoped that there would be no difficulty in raising the remaining number required; that the Provisional Committee were authorised by the International Council of Nurses to draw up statutes to govern the Florence Nightingale Foundation and Mrs. Carter stated that there was every reason to hope that after July 1934 the course would be carried on under the direction of the Foundation itself.

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Applications for 1934-35.

Mrs. Carter informed the committee that she already had an application for the session 1934-35 for the course for Nurse Administrators from the Canadian Red Cross for a student, Miss Gladys Holden who for the past ten years had been a nurse in the Canadian Hospital in Nasik, India; that it was necessary for Miss Holden to know at once whether she could be admitted to the course or she would not otherwise be able to make the necessary arrangements for her leave.

The committee considered her qualifications and agreed that she fulfilled all the necessary conditions for admission.

RESOLVED that Miss G. Holden be admitted to the course for Nurse Administrators for the session 1934-35 on the nomination of the Canadian Red Cross.

7. Report of the sub-committee concerning the possibility of developing the International Course with a view to providing facilities for training in Social Work.

At this point Miss Morris, Almoner of St. Thomas's Hospital was invited to be present at the committee.

Mrs. Reid introduced the subject and explained that there was now an increasing demand from International students to be trained for

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social service in their own country and that it was very difficult to make them understand that the course in Public Health did not suffice for this purpose: that she and Miss Parsons and Miss Baggallay had conferred with Miss Morris as to the possibility of giving such students training as Hospital Almoners. As it was impossible for them to do both the Public Health Course and a full course for Hospital Almoners in one year the proposal which had been discussed was as follows: that an International student who had completed a full course of Public Health work in her own country should be allowed to join the Bedford College Public Health course for one term from October to Christmas and then be transferred to St. Thomas's Hospital for a nine months course for Hospital Almoners.

Miss Morris spoke to the question and stated that she thought it possible such arrangements might be made, but she spoke only in a private capacity as the matter had not yet been referred to the Almoners Council: that the suggestion to split the work between the two courses was done with a view to ascertaining after some experience of the student, whether she was capable of profiting by the Hospital Almoners course or whether it would be wiser for her to continue in the Public Health course. Miss Morris explained that it was entirely against the usual procedure of her committee to take anyone whom they had not previously seen. She also emphasised the fact that students accepted for the Almoners course had to have a good educational background and she thought that this might cause a difficulty in the case of some of the International students.

It was clear to the committee that the whole question called for much more consideration before any definite decision could be arrived at and they therefore decided to defer the matter for further consideration and proceed to consideration of the particular case of Miss Kansanen, a student from Finland who had come with the intention and desire to train for social service work. Miss Baggallay reported that she should be a suitable student if her English improved sufficiently.

Discussion took place as to whether it was possible to meet this special case without prejudicing the general question. It was pointed out that if facilities were arranged for Miss Kansanen to drop her course at Christmas and attend a Hospital Almoners course, at the end of the year she would not have qualified either for an International certificate or for one from the Almoners Council, and that she would only be able to have a statement from Bedford College and from the Almoners Council that she had attended certain courses.

Mrs. Carter stated that such an arrangement would she thought be quite acceptable to Finland by whom Miss Kansanen had been sent.

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RESOLVED

that the case of Miss Kansanen be left in the hands of Mrs. Reid and Miss Morris to make such arrangements for the training of Miss Kansanen in Social Service work as circumstances should render possible.

that Mrs. Carter be requested to inform the Finnish Red Cross that in the event of Miss Kansanen taking this special course for Social Service she would not get an International certificate.

that the sub-committee be asked to consider the possibility of developing the International courses for Public Health and Nurse Administrators with a view to providing facilities for training in Social Service. (For personnel of sub-committee see minutes

The Chairman thanked Miss Morris for sparing time to come to the Committee. At this point Miss Morris left the Committee.

8. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED

that the date of the next meeting be fixed for January 15th 1934 unless the date is found to clash with other College engagements.