

Private Notes concerning the Commonwealth Fund and Child
Guidance Work in London.

Miss Fox, Honorary Organising Secretary of the National Association of Mental Welfare, 24 Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1. and also Honorary Secretary of the Child Guidance Council started about 18 months ago is the strength at the back of ^{the} Child Guidance Movement. Mrs. Reid reports that she has done a great deal of very valuable work and has a flair for organisation.

About 18 months or 2 years ago Miss Fox became interested in Child Guidance and Mrs. Reid and Professor Edgell had interviews with her in this connection. Then the matter dropped and later it was heard that the School of Economics was starting ^a Child Guidance Department financed by the Commonwealth Fund (worked through Miss Fox). The School of Economics had no department of Psychology and there were members of the University including Professor Edgell and members of the Charity Organisation Society who disapproved of no use being made of the facilities for teaching Psychology which were already in existence in the University and that instead new monies were being used for instituting lectureships at the School of Economics.

When Professor Edgell was in America last summer she met Miss Scovell, Organising Secretary of the Commonwealth Fund working under Dr. Barry Smith Director General of the Commonwealth Fund and

and discussed with her the work at Bedford College and conceived the idea of getting assistance from the Commonwealth Fund for special lectures in Psychiatry in connection with the course for Nurses. The foregoing led up to application being made by the Council of Bedford College to the Commonwealth Fund for financial support towards the course for Nurses about to be instituted at Bedford College. Mrs. Reid is anxious lest the application from Bedford College might meet with the following result:- A letter from Dr. Barry Smith to say "your letter interests us and has been referred to Miss Fox of the Child Guidance Council who will probably be able to afford you facilities out of the funds ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxx~~ we allow her for the general Child Guidance Movement". That should Miss Fox receive such a letter she might turn round on Bedford College and say - you discussed the matter first with me a year or two ago, why didn't you come first to me as Secretary of the Child Guidance Council when you wanted further help?