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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on
13th October 1931.

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P r e s e n t

The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Dorsey
Mrs. Edkins
Miss Hallowes
Et. Col. 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.

2. Communications received.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Miss Darbyshire
Professor Edgell
Miss Lloyd Still

3. Further admission of students for the session 1931-32

Reported the following applications for admission:-

Public Health Course.

M.E. Sharpe Great Britain.

Reported that the above candidate fulfilled the requirements laid down by the League and was recommended for admission.

The Principal informed the Committee that Miss Sharpe had already been accepted by the College as a student preparing for the Ministry of Health, Health Visitors certificate; that she was living at Manchester Square and had since made application to join the International Group.

RESOLVED that Miss Mary Edith Sharpe be admitted as a member of the Group for International students taking the Public Health course.

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Slava Smiljanic Yugoslavia
Roksanda Cabrinovic Yugoslavia

The Committee were reminded that the admission of the above two candidates from Yugoslavia had been deferred pending their arrival in England and reports on their practical work. A letter from the President of the Yugoslavian Red Cross was read and is appended.

Discussion took place, and Miss Baggallay reported that these two candidates had improved very much in their English language though their written work was still very elementary and she thought they might find it difficult to understand much outside the practical side of the work.

Mrs. Reid reported that it was too early to give a useful report on anything but their practical work.

The question of whether these two candidates should now be admitted to the course without further qualification, or whether they should have a further 3 months on probation was discussed at some length.

Mrs. Reid pointed out that if they were unable to gain advantage from certain of the courses it might be better for them to omit that subject for the remainder of the year and with this proviso she was prepared to recommend that they be definitely admitted to the course.

RESOLVED that Slava Smiljanic and Roksanda Cabrinovic,
Yugoslavia, be admitted to the Public Health
Course for 1931-32.

4. Reports from Tutors in the Practical Work.

The Committee received a report from Miss Baggallay, Tutor to the Public Health Students on the practical work of the Public Health Students. (For report see file 196 C)

They also received a report from Miss Parsons, Tutor to the Nurse Administrator Students concerning the practical work of the Nurse Administrator Students. (For report see file 196 C)

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5. Question of the continuance of the course beyond the current session 1931-32.

Mrs. Carter reported that the question of whether the courses for International Students could continue after the end of the present session was still very doubtful; that the position was as follows. The Carnegie Trust had offered £2,000 a year if such a sum would make it possible to continue the work; that a cable had immediately been sent to America informing them of the offer of £2,000 and asking them whether there was any possibility of procuring the remaining £4,000 required; that no answer had yet been received; that in the event of this money not being forthcoming the Finance Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies had decided that the work of the organisation of courses for International students must terminate in July 1932.

Mrs. Carter asked the Chairman how soon it was necessary to let the College authorities know whether the courses were to continue or not; she stated that the League must make some decision before Christmas as otherwise it would not be possible to get the students.

The Chairman replied that the College would not be inconvenienced provided they knew the decision of the League by December.

In the course of discussion it was agreed that if the courses were to continue the Committee would have to consider the question of reorganising the practical training as the criticism had been made that one of the objections to having the course in London was the fact that it was not so suitable a place for providing good facilities for the practical work as Canada or the States.

6. Curricula for ensuing session.

Discussion took place concerning the curricula for 1932-33 provided that the course was to be continued.

It was agreed that little change was required in the existing arrangements.

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Mrs. Carter pointed out that if the question of continuing the courses was not decided until December it would not be possible for her to submit the draft of the curricula to the committee before it was sent to the Printers.

A query was raised as to whether the students really required either the additional lectures on Maternity and Child Welfare given by Dr. Chodak Gregory or the special lectures on Tuberculosis given by Dr. Gloyne. It was agreed after discussion that the ground covered by these lectures was already covered by other courses which the students had to attend and it would be an advantage to the students to have fewer lectures.

RESOLVED

that in the event of the courses for International Students being continued after the current session the curricula for 1932-33 be on the same lines as that for the session 1931-32 but that the following courses be omitted:-

10 lectures on Maternity and Child Welfare
by Dr. Chodak Gregory
6 lectures on Tuberculosis by Dr. Gloyne

that the outline of the work laid down in the prospectus be redrafted making clear that the necessary ground was fully covered by the other courses provided.

that a statement be made in the prospectus to the effect that arrangements are made for students to receive practical instruction at Tuberculosis and Child Welfare Centres.

7. Other business - Date of the next meeting.

RESOLVED

that the date of the next meeting be fixed provisionally for Tuesday 12th January at 5 p.m.