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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses  
for International Students held on Friday May 24th 1929.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Friday, 24th May 1929 at 5 p.m.

P r e s e n t                      The Principal in the Chair  
Miss Baggallay  
Dr. Brincker  
Miss Bowes  
Mrs. Carter  
Miss Dorsey  
Professor Edgell  
Miss Hallowes  
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. Arising out of Minutes.

a. Council resolutions on recommendations made by the Organisation Committee.

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| i.  | Travelling expenses for Tutor to Public Health Students.                           | Minute 5 a | 18th January 1929. |
| ii. | Question of continuing present arrangements for International Courses for 1929-30. | Minute 6   | 18th January 1929. |

It was further reported under heading (ii) that the College of Nursing had signified their willingness to continue the arrangements for 1929-30 as for the last two sessions and that the League of Red Cross Societies had agreed to make the same financial arrangements for this period.

b. Recommendation made to the League of Red Cross Societies re International Students entering for the Hospital Administration Course.

Reported that the League had written to say that they would do their utmost to carry out this recommendation of the Organisation Committee (Minute 5b 18th January 1929). As an instance of this

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endeavour Mrs. Carter reported that a Lithuanian student, a candidate for entry in October 1929 had been brought over at the beginning of May because her English was very poor.

c. Reports concerning Special Lecturers for 1929-30.

i. Lectures on Maternity and Child Welfare.

Mrs. Reid reported that Mrs. Chodak Gregory's lectures had been most satisfactory this year and it was proposed and seconded that she be asked to continue her lectures for the session 1929-30.

Recommended that Mrs. Chodak Gregory be re-appointed to give 10 lectures on Maternity and Child Welfare for the session 1929-30 on the same terms as for the session 1928-29, and that the matter be further considered for the session 1930-31.

ii. Lectures on Nutrition.

In the absence of Miss Lloyd Still there was no definite report under this heading.

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred for further consideration until the July meeting.

iii. Lectures on Public Health.

Mrs. Reid stated that since the last meeting it had been agreed that the lectures on Public Health given by Miss Viney were not really necessary as part of the work was covered by lectures already given by Mrs. Halsey and the remainder could well be undertaken by Miss Baggallay. Miss Baggallay agreed to this proposal.

The Committee were informed that the recommendation that Miss Viney should lecture during 1929-30 had not yet gone before the Council.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Committee of 18th January 1929

"That Miss H. Viney be invited to give 10 lectures on Public Health for 1929-30"

be rescinded.



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that Miss Bagrallay be asked to include in her lectures work ~~taken~~ by Miss Vincy and not already covered by Mrs. Halsey's lectures.

iv. Lectures on Health Publicity.

Mrs. Carter informed the Committee that hitherto three lectures on Health Publicity had been given by Miss Edith Smith, A.B., R.N.; that the lectures had been given at Manchester Square and were financed by the League; that she would like to be assured that these lectures were valuable and that there was no one to be procured nearer at hand who would cover the same ground.

Those of the Committee who knew of Miss Smith's lectures strongly recommended that they be continued.

RESOLVED that three lectures by Miss Edith Smith, A.B., R.N. on Health Publicity be included in the course for International Students, it being understood that the League was willing to finance this course.

d. Arrangements for presentation of certificates - report re.

Mrs. Carter stated that Sir Arthur Stanley had an engagement with the Duchess of York on the same afternoon as the Presentation of Certificates - July 5th - that he proposed to endeavour to change the hour to 4.30 but should this not be possible, she asked that the time for the presentation of certificates be changed from 3.30 p.m. to 3.0 p.m.

Mrs. Carter reported the following arrangements for the presentation of certificates:-

<u>Introductory Remarks</u>	H.S.H. Prince Varnvaidya, Representative of the Siamese Red Cross on the Board of Governors, League of Red Cross Societies.
<u>Address to students</u>	Mis. Tuke, Principal, Bedford College. Mademoiselle d'Haussonville, Vice-President of the Société de secours aux blessés militaires, French Red Cross.

3. Communications received.

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

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b. Letter from Miss Darbyshire.

A letter was read from Miss Darbyshire resigning her membership of the Organisation Committee as she was no longer a member of the Education Committee of the College of Nursing.

RESOLVED that the regret of the Committee for her resignation be conveyed to Miss Darbyshire.

that the College of Nursing be asked to appoint a representative to succeed Miss Darbyshire.

4. Application for admission 1929-30

a. Public Health Course.

The following applications were reported as fulfilling the requirements laid down in the syllabus and recommended by the League of Red Cross Societies for admission:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Country.</u>
Miss Elsa Aberg	Finland
Miss Casimiera Vitkauskaitė	Lithuania
Miss Berta Heuer Ritter	Mexico
Miss Trench	Great Britain
Madame Denoël	France

Mrs. Carter reported that Madame Denoël was the first student sent by the French Red Cross; that her English was weak but she would probably come to England at the beginning of July in order to get a little practice in the language.

RESOLVED that the above candidates be accepted for admission to the Public Health Course for 1929-30.

b. Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing.

The following applications were reported as fulfilling the requirements laid down in the syllabus and recommended by the League of Red Cross Societies for admission:-



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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Country</u>
Miss Mary Nicolova	Bulgaria
Miss Lilette Koleas	Greece
Miss Mary Stencel	Poland
Miss Ada Sharp	Great Britain

RESOLVED that the above candidates be accepted for admission to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing for 1929-30.

It was further reported that scholarships had been given to Jugoslavia, India and Estonia and that all these countries were submitting candidates but their names had not yet been received; that details of these students would be before the Committee at the July meeting.

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It was also reported that scholarships had been asked for for the following students:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Country.</u>
Miss Mandl	Austria
Miss Horn	South Africa.

that the Austrian student was still doubtful and a further report would be before the Committee about her in July; that a report had been received from the College of Nursing concerning the South African student that the standard of her professional work was good and her general education fair.

From the reports received the Committee judged that Miss Horn from South Africa might be granted admission.

RESOLVED that Miss Horn from South Africa be accepted for admission for 1929-30.

Mrs. Carter further reported that they had received an application from Finland by wire but the candidate's papers were not yet to hand; and that a Chinese student, willing to pay her own expenses was making application on the recommendation of the British Red Cross; that further details of this candidate would be before the meeting in July.

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Total Entries for 1929-30

Mrs. Carter reported that there would probably be 17 or 18 students for 1929-30; that the drop in numbers was due to the fact that the Commonwealth Fund had sent a number of Austrians during the past years, but that this would now cease.

5. Discussion concerning the International Courses after the close of the session 1929-30.

a. Report from Mrs. Carter.

Mrs. Carter, speaking on behalf of the League, stated that the League were convinced of the importance of the work which was being carried on at Bedford College for the International Students and would like to see it continued beyond 1929-30, being at the same time assured that the grant paid by the League for this work was reduced to a minimum; that they would like to receive a report from Bedford College in October as to what the Council's proposals were for continuing the work after 1929-30, knowing that the financial position had been thoroughly examined and that the needs put forward were based on actual necessities for the efficiency of the work; that she thought that 20 was the maximum number of foreign students to be relied upon for estimate purposes in the future.

b. Report from the Chairman re position of Bedford College.

The Chairman, speaking on behalf of Bedford College, stated that the Council were interested in the scheme and willing to promote it to the best of their ability, but that they would not be able to carry on the work without some financial assistance from the League because it was not work which could be allowed to come against the general funds of the College; that it was satisfactory to hear Mrs. Carter's assurance that proposals from Bedford College would be likely to receive favourable consideration; that a preliminary investigation had already been made concerning the expenses of the scheme and it was thought that certain economies could be made; that a report on the matter would be drawn up and presented to the League by the beginning of October 1929.

c. Proposals for Organisation of Courses from 1930.

Some discussion took place as to what steps might be taken to



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procure a more extensive use of the course by English Nurses. Miss Bowes reported that many more of the College of Nursing students were attending lectures in the current year than in the previous year; that the obstacle to a larger attendance was in most cases a financial one. A proposal was put forward that the British Red Cross might be approached on the question of giving scholarships for English Nurses, candidates to be selected by the College of Nursing; that if such a proposal was acceptable to the College of Nursing, Bedford College might approach Sir Arthur Stanley on the question of scholarships.

Another suggestion put forward was that students taking a six months' course at the College of Nursing should be given opportunities of extending their work by attending lectures at Bedford College. Further discussion took place.

Recommended that courses for International students be continued for the sessions 1930-32 on the same lines as hitherto, with such economies on the educational side as are consistent with efficiency.

that the question of continuance after this period be reconsidered in the summer of 1931.

RESOLVED that Mrs. Reid, with authority to invite what help she requires from other members of the Committee, explore possibilities for economies in the educational courses for the International students and report to the Organisation Committee at the July meeting.

that a committee be constituted to explore the possibilities of co-operation with the College of Nursing on the educational side.

that the personnel of the Committee be:-

Chairman ex officio  
Professor Edgell  
Miss Lloyd Still  
Mrs. Reid



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that Miss Lloyd Still be authorised to co-opt other members from the College of Nursing should she deem it advisable.

6. Reports from Tutors on practical work.

a. Report from Miss Baggallay, Tutor to the Public Health Students.

Miss Baggallay submitted a report on work on the practical side of the students taking the Public Health Course. (For report see file 196b)

b. Report from Miss Bowes, Tutor to the Nurse Administrators

Miss Bowes reported that the students this year had a better grasp of their practical work than those in the previous year, though they were not quite so brilliant in other respects; that the Hospitals were taking considerably more interest in the training of the students and that all the reports received of the students' work had been good.

7. Date of the next meeting.

The Committee were reminded that the recommendations for the award of certificates had to come up at the next meeting and that therefore the meeting must take place after the meeting of the Examiners.

RESOLVED that the Examiners for the International Course meet on Monday morning, 1st July and that the next meeting of the Organisation Committee be on Monday afternoon 1st July at 2.30 p.m.

8. Other business.

Miss Bowes reported that Miss Ord of the British Red Cross had consented to give 10 lectures on 'Hospital Administration' in place of Dr. Eason; that Miss Mussen had agreed to extend her course to 20 lectures.