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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on May 17th 1932.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Tuesday May 17th 1932 at 2.30 p.m.

P r e s e n t

The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Darbyshire
Miss Dorsey
Professor Edgell
Mrs. Edkins
Lt. Col. Parkinson
Miss Parsons
Mrs. Reid
The Secretary.

1. Minutes.

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

2. Arising out of the Minutes.

Report concerning speeches at the presentation of certificates.

The following programme of procedure for the presentation of certificates on July 7th was reported to the committee:-

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| Chairman | Sir Arthur Stanley G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O. Chairman of the Executive Committee, British Red Cross Society. Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing. |
| Speakers | Mr. Ernest J. Swift, Secretary General of the League of Red Cross Societies. Miss G.E.M. Jebb, M.A. Cantab. Principal of Bedford College. |
| Presentation of Certificates | HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, D.B.E., M.P. |
| Speaker | Miss Venny Snellman, Secretary of the Nursing Advisory Committee, Finnish Red Cross. Director of Nursing Education, Department of Health, Finland. |

Votes of Thanks proposed by Students.

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3. Communications received.

- a. Apologies for absence were received from:- Miss Lloyd Still
Miss MacManus
Mrs. Williams
- b. Letter from Dame Margaret Tuke thanking the committee for their congratulations.
- c. Letter from Miss Lloyd Still suggesting that she should resign from the committee on the grounds that she could not attend meetings on Tuesdays until after 5 p.m.

RESOLVED that the committee would greatly regret the loss of Miss Lloyd Still's valuable services and to suit her convenience care be taken in future not to arrange committee meetings on Tuesdays before 5 p.m.

4. Applications for admission from students for 1932-33.

a. Public Health Course.

- (i) Sarah Isabella Johanna Nel - age 28 - South Africa.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:-

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| Education - Private governess | (7-10) | 1912-1915 |
| Elementary School | (11-13) | 1916-1917 |
| Secondary | " (14-16) | 1920-1921) |
| Commercial | " (1 year) | 1924 |

Professional Training - Somerset Hospital Cape Town 1928-32.
Knowledge of English - fluent.
Recommended by the South African Red Cross.

The case was discussed and the committee were informed that this candidate had passed her final examination with honours. On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that this candidate be accepted.

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(ii) Frantiska Zidova - age 33 - Czechoslovakia.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

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| Education - Elementary School | 5 years | 1906-1911 |
| Secondary | " 4 " | 1911-1915 |
| Commercial | " 2 " | 1915-1917 |
| High | " 2 " | 1918-1920 |

Professional Training - State School of Nursing, Prague 1928-30
Experience - Public Health Nursing, Prague 1930-31.
Knowledge of English - fair - has knowledge of German & French
Recommended by the Czechoslovak Red Cross.

Mrs. Carter informed the committee that the League were prepared to recommend this candidate provided she was willing to spend the month of July in England.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies.

RESOLVED that this candidate be accepted.

(iii) Vinka Sholjan - Age 23 - Jugoslavia.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

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|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Education - Elementary School | 4 years | 1917-1921 |
| Secondary | " 4 " | 1922-1926 |

Professional Training - School of Nursing, Belgrade 1927-31
Experience - Sister in charge of the School Polyclinic, 8mths.
Knowledge of English - fair - will go into English family in
Belgrade.

The Committee were informed that this student's knowledge of English was not quite up to standard but it was hoped that after she had spent the month of July in England she would be capable of profiting by the Course. The case was discussed.

RESOLVED that the Organisation Committee do not recommend the acceptance of this candidate until the July meeting when the case be re-considered and a further report on her progress be before the committee.

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(iv) Swatt Dharmasoroja - age 27 - Siam.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

Education - Secondary - 10 years.

Professional Training - East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, 3 years.
Mothercraft Training Centre, Truby
King's

Knowledge of English - fluent.

Experience - taking her midwifery training April-July 1932.

Recommended by the Superintendent of Siamese Government
Students, London.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that this candidate be accepted.

(v) Sylvia Weiss - age 37 - Great Britain.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

Education - At home - Private governess.

Convent of the Cross, Boscombe 1911-1912.

Professional Training - Guy's Hospital

Midwifery Training - Teacher's Diploma

Experience - C.M.B. Certificate, East End Maternity Hospital
1922-25

District Superintendent, Queen Charlotte's Hospi-
tal 1924-27

Home Sister and Assistant Tutor, Royal Infirmary
Preston, 1927-29

Present position - Superintendent, Worcester City and County
Nursing Association.

Recommended by the V.A.D. Scholarship Scheme Committee of the
British Red Cross.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies

RESOLVED that this candidate be accepted.

(vi) Veronika Monkute - age 26 - Lithuania.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

Education - Primary 4 years 1914-1918

Secondary 5 " 1919-1924

University 2 semestres 1930-1931

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Professional Training - Red Cross Courses for Nurses 1925-27
Experience - Children's Hospital
Hospital for Diseases of the Eyes and Ears.
Present position - Staff Nurse - University Surgical Hospital
Knowledge of English - weak.

The Committee were informed that this candidate's English was weak but it was hoped that after three months spent in England from May to August she would be in a position to profit by the course.

RESOLVED that the Organisation Committee do not recommend the acceptance of this candidate until the July meeting when the case be reconsidered and a further report on her progress be before the committee.

b. Nurse Administrator Course.

(i) Solveig Lier - age 33 - Norway.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

Education - Elementary - 7 years 1906-1913

Information incomplete with regard to years 1913-18

Professional Training - 3 years - Tønsberg Red Cross Hospital
1918-1921

Experience - 15 months in England - St. Thomas's Hospital
Brompton Hospital

Staff Nurse - 2 years - Stange Hospital

Course for Nurse Administrators - Norway 3 months
1927

Sister County Hospital, Tønsberg, 1927-1930

Present Position - Directress Red Cross Training School,

Knowledge of English - good. (Tønsberg.)

Recommended by the Norwegian Red Cross.

The Committee were informed that the Norwegian Red Cross had intimated to Mrs. Carter that their President realised that Miss Lier's general education did not satisfy the formal requirements for admission to the course at Bedford College, yet he felt sure that Miss Lier, by good social education was in a position to profit by the course and that it would be of great value to her to be able to do so.

Mrs. Carter supported the application and after discussion it was

RESOLVED that the above candidate be accepted.

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(ii) Alice Eden - Age 27 - Great Britain.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper:

Education - Elementary - Norton Canes School 4 years 1909-13
Private School, The Hollies, Hansworth 1 year 1913-14
Queen Mary's High School for Girls 1914-1920
Senior Oxford Examination.

Professional Training - General Infirmary, Leeds 1924-28.
Diploma of Nursing, Leeds University, 1928
C.M.B. Certificate 1929.

Experience - Sister in charge of Children's Eye, Ear and
Orthopaedic Ward, General Infirmary Leeds, 1928-29

Present position - Junior Tutor - Preliminary Training School,
Leeds.

Recommended by the British Red Cross.

On the recommendation of the League of Red Cross Societies.

RESOLVED that the above candidate be accepted.

(iii) Vassilka Mitowa - age 28 - Bulgaria.

Details given by the candidate in her application paper.

Education - Elementary - 4 years 1913-1917
3 " 1917-1920
Secondary - 4 " 1920-1924

Professional Training - Royal Infirmary, Manchester 1927-31
Present position - Sister in charge of Surgical Ward, Red
Cross Hospital

Knowledge of English - fluent

Recommended by the Bulgarian Red Cross.

Information was before the committee to the effect that this candidate after having been trained in England for three to four years still found the English language a great difficulty; that Miss Duff Grant, Matron of the Manchester Royal Infirmary had reported that she had passed the Manchester Royal Infirmary examination with great difficulty, that she had failed in the preliminary State Examination after three years in Hospital and that her knowledge of English was still so poor that she felt she would be quite unable to follow the course at Bedford College satisfactorily.

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Mrs. Carter explained that it was a difficult case as the Bulgarian Red Cross had so high an opinion of the English training that they would be difficult to persuade that anyone who had been trained in England for three to four years was not competent to follow the course.

Discussion took place.

RESOLVED that a recommendation be sent forward to the League of Red Cross Societies that this student be rejected on the grounds that she is not sufficiently proficient in the English language to make it possible for her to follow the course at Bedford College.

The Committee were also informed that other applications were expected from the Polish Red Cross and Icelandic Red Cross but that these had not yet been received.

5. Reports from Tutors in the Practical Work.

a. Public Health Students.

Miss Baggallay, Tutor to the students taking the Public Health course gave a satisfactory report on the opportunities which the students had had in the country during the Easter Vacation. (For report see file 196C)

b. Nurse Administrator Students.

Miss Parsons, Tutor to the Nurse Administrator Students, also emphasised the advantage of sending students outside London for part of their practical work. (For report see file 196C)

6. International Florence Nightingale Foundation.

Memorandum containing the proposals for the International Florence Nightingale Foundation with the resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies on April 25th. (Memorandum appended after Council Minutes for May 11th 1932, see folios.....)

The Principal spoke to the matter and stated that she, Mrs. Reid and the Secretary had represented Bedford College at certain preliminary meetings at the British Red Cross Society in connection with the

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proposal that an International Florence Nightingale Memorial should be initiated. She pointed out to the committee that the memorandum referred to above, and which had been circulated to the committee, made no mention of the institution which should be responsible for conducting the educational work in connection with the Florence Nightingale Foundation; that the Council of Bedford College could only co-operate in the new scheme provided that they were again intrusted with the educational side of the work; that the Secretary General of the League had asked to know whether the Council of Bedford College and the College of Nursing were in agreement with the proposals; that the memorandum had been before the Council of Bedford College at their meeting in the previous week when the following resolution had been passed:-

"That the Council of Bedford College are in agreement with the proposals for the foundation of an International Memorial to Florence Nightingale and with the resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies at its meeting held on April 25th 1932, provided that, should the plans for the International Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation in London mature and it be desired that Bedford College take any part in the educational work, responsibility for the conduct of the courses be under the control of the Council of Bedford College in the same way as they at present control the courses for International Students under the League of Red Cross Societies."

Mrs. Carter explained that the memorandum had not been sent by the League direct to the College of Nursing as all communications with them had hitherto been done by the Council of Bedford College. It was agreed that the memorandum should now be sent forward to the College of Nursing.

Mrs. Carter emphasised the point that no details with regard to the educational work had yet been set out.

RESOLVED that the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students are in agreement with the resolution passed by the Council of Bedford College.

that the memorandum be sent to the College of Nursing asking them whether they agree to the proposals contained therein.

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7. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed for Monday July 4th at 2.30 p.m.

8. Other business.

a. Demonstrations in Maternity and Child Welfare.

Mrs. Reid reported that in accordance with powers given to her she had arranged for six demonstrations at £3.3.0 each to be given to the International students at St. Thomas's Hospital during the session 1932-33 by Dr. A.D. Bell (Visiting Physician to the Childrens and Mothercraft Department, St. Thomas's Hospital) in place of the course of 10 lectures on Maternity and Child Welfare hitherto given by Dr. Chodak Gregory. (Proposed syllabus of lectures appended, see folio....)

RESOLVED that Dr. A.D.C. Bell be invited to give six demonstrations on Maternity and Child Welfare to the International Students at St. Thomas's Hospital during the session 1932-33 at a fee of £3.3.0 per demonstration.

b. Hospital Training School Administration - Miss Musson.

Miss Parsons emphasised the need to have one or two lectures from Municipal Hospital Matrons and proposed that Miss Musson should give 18 lectures of the course instead of 20 lectures and that two should be given by Matrons from Municipal Hospitals. She stated that she had talked the matter over with Miss Musson who was in agreement with her proposal.

RESOLVED that the committee approve the re-arrangement proposed and leave details as regards final arrangements and personnel of such lectures in the hands of Miss Parsons in consultation with Miss Musson.

c. Summer School in 1933.

Mrs. Carter informed the committee that it was hoped to arrange a two weeks' summer school for International students to be held at Bedford College in 1933.