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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of
Courses for International Students held on January 16th 1934.

At a meeting of the Committee for the Organisation of Courses for International Students held on Tuesday January 16th 1934 at 5.15 p.m.

P r e s e n t

The Principal in the Chair
Miss Baggallay
Mrs. Carter
Miss Darbyshire
Miss Dorsey
Mrs. Edkins
Miss Lloyd Still
Mr. Mace
Miss MacManus
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. Arising out of the Minutes.

a. Report from Mrs. Carter on negotiations with the Indian Red Cross and the Greek Red Cross concerning Mrs. Mitra and Miss Peza.

Mrs. Carter reported that she had heard from:

- (i) The Indian Red Cross who were prepared to allow Mrs. Mitra to stay in England until the end of July for the purpose of completing the practical work which she had come too late to do in August 1933.
- (ii) The Greek Red Cross agreeing to Miss Peza remaining in England until the 15th July to make up time lost by her late arrival in 1933.
- (iii) From Miss Jean Gunn, Superintendent of Nurses at the Toronto General Hospital testifying to Miss Holden's qualifications for admission to the course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers.

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b. Report from the Director of Social Studies on the work of Miss Vincek.

Mrs. Reid, Director of Social Studies, reported that Miss Vincek whose final acceptance had been made conditional on her improvement in the English language, had improved considerably but wrote better than she talked; that her marks were at the pass standard and that she herself was very interested in the work. She went on to say that the work to which Miss Vincek was returning would include home visiting and the assessment of the patient to whom relief was accorded by the Public Health Department; that she was only taking the ordinary Public Health course which she, Mrs. Reid, did not regard as an adequate preparation for the work she was going to undertake. Mrs. Reid went on to say that the best experience which could be given to Miss Vincek under the circumstances would be work in connection with an Invalid Childrens Aid Association (I.C.A.A.) through a settlement.

The Committee expressed approval of this suggestion and Mrs. Reid was asked to go forward with it.

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

The report had been circulated to the committee and was the subject of considerable discussion. (Minutes appended, see folio...)

The committee expressed the view that whatever was possible to be done towards training the students for Social Service work should be attempted since there was no doubt that when students returned to their own country the present tendency was to require the Public Health workers to do Hospital Almoning and other Social Service work.

The following resolutions were therefore passed.

RESOLVED that the report of the sub-committee be adopted.
that the suggestion to arrange a thirteen months course to include training in Hospital Almoning be abandoned.

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RESOLVED

that the sub-committee be invited to explore further the possibility of arranging a one year's course in Social Work for such students as have already qualified for Public Health work in their own country, the year's course to be followed by a shorter specialised course in some practical work such as Hospital Almoning or such other type of Social Service as could be arranged.

that the sub-committee be asked to report to the Organisation Committee at their next meeting.

4. Concerning the work of the Provisional Committee.

Mrs. Carter informed the committee that the Provisional Committee had met last Friday when the Statutes were discussed but not decided upon; that it was the hope of the committee to get the Statutes approved in time to establish the Foundation in the first week in July a few days previous to the date to be fixed for the Presentation of Certificates; that if this was carried through, it would be possible to present the certificates in the name of the Foundation, otherwise there was no body in a position to present them seeing that the League had given up their control of the course and the certificates could not suitably be presented by a Provisional Committee.

Form of Certificate.

Mrs. Carter informed the committee that the form of certificate would remain as hitherto except for the title and the Red Cross medallion; that the title would be "Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation" and the head of Florence Nightingale would replace the Red Cross; that the certificates should be signed by three signatures only, the President of the Foundation and one signature from each institution responsible for the organisation of the course; that it was the plan of the Provisional Committee to get the certificates in order by the beginning of July and to recommend to the Foundation, as soon as established, that this form be adopted for presentation in July 1934.

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5. Arrangements for the Presentation of Certificates 1934.

RESOLVED that the Presentation of Certificates be arranged if possible to take place on July 9th.

Recommended that the following suggestions for Speakers and for the Presenter of Certificates be put before Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Provisional Committee:

Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G., P.C.
The American Ambassador.

6. Date of next meeting.

RESOLVED that the date of the next meeting be fixed for Tuesday May 15th at 5.15 p.m.