

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Memorandum on The Practical Implications of the Study Report as they apply to Educational Policy.

(prepared by the Secretary.)

The Recommendations 1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 36 form the basis of this memorandum as being those which suggest a new policy from that already adopted.

Recommendations 1, 7, 12, 14.

Recommendation 1 interpreted in the light of 7 means that the "English school" to be used, shall be a "school of nursing" (possibly the Education Department of the College of Nursing.)

Recommendation 1 states clearly that this "school" shall be "independent" of the Foundation.

The relationship between the two would presumably be a contractual one - the Foundation guaranteeing a certain regular number of students and the school guaranteeing to provide lecture courses.

In the light of Recommendations 12 & 14 it is probable that a certain number of students (no estimate of which can at present be made) will be arranged for by the Foundation outside the "school of Nursing" thus reducing the total number to be provided for in the "school". This raises the following practical difficulties:-

1. Could the Foundation guarantee a sufficiently regular supply of students to form the basis of an agreement with the "school"?
2. Would those students be requiring a sufficiently similar curriculum to entitle the Foundation to make any regular requests for lectures?
3. If the "school" is the College of Nursing, would the College be prepared to provide full time day classes covering all the range of subjects and guarantee the permanency of that provision even though the supply of students were so small as to involve them in financial loss?

Recommendations 9, 10, 11.

Recommendation 9 implies an immediate transference of students from the present courses to the Education Department of the College of Nursing - viz. "to help the School of Nursing, which it uses."

It contemplates placing students under the direction of the College of Nursing before the College has achieved any of the standards

recommended in 9, 10 & 11.

The Foundation, being independent of the College of Nursing, would have little power to assist in the accomplishment of 9, 10 or 11.

1. Because it ipso facto has no control over the education policy of the College of Nursing.

2. Because of its inability to guarantee a sufficient supply of or regular and uniform students.

3. Because many of these students will be ineligible for recognition by the University of London (see p. 4 & 5 General Information for Internal Students.)

Recommendation 13.

See para: 57, 58, 59 of the Report.

This, as the Report points out, could not be achieved until further steps had been accomplished towards the recognition of "Nursing" as a subject, by the University.

Recommendation 36.

(See p.4 "General Information for Internal Students.")

The present courses would have to be approved by the Academic Board of the University and application made through Bedford College for Women.

If recommendations 1, 12 and 14 are carried out, students would choose courses of study already in existence and could be admitted as internal or associate students if they so qualified.

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