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Please write at the head of any further communication—
1. Training of Health Visitors.
2. London - Bedford College for Women proposed Course.

M. 7952/19.

Madam,

(1) With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo, I am directed to state that the Board are prepared provisionally to recognise under their Regulations for the Training of Health Visitors the two year and one year courses which it is proposed to establish. The Board will arrange for one of their Medical Officers to visit the Institution at an early date after the holidays in order to discuss the details of the proposed courses, and in particular the proposed arrangements for the practical work of the students. They must reserve to themselves the right to ask for such modifications as the report of their Medical Officer may show to be necessary.

(2) In this connection I am to point out that the Board attach great importance to the practical work to be required of students, and they are doubtful whether home

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visiting should precede experience of the work of maternity and infant welfare centres. It should be borne in mind that the home visiting undertaken should be for health purposes rather than for social investigation. Attention is invited to paragraph 12 of the Prefatory Memorandum to the Draft Regulations for the Training of Health Visitors which indicates generally the nature of the practical work which is contemplated under the Regulations.

(3) The Board infer from the information given in paragraph 11 of the Memorandum forwarded with the letter under reply that it is proposed to admit students for single courses of lectures only. The Board are doubtful whether this can be done without interfering with the efficiency of the course, but this is one of the points on which they will await further information after a visit by their Medical Officer.

(4) The Board will be glad to be informed as soon as practicable of the arrangements proposed for the examination of the students.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Francis E. Douglas