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The Secretary.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH,

WHITEHALL. S.W. 1.

15th May, 1925.

Please quote the following reference—

IIId.165030/63/25.

Madam,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to your letter of the 27th April, submitting a scheme for the training of Health Visitors, and I am to make the following observations and enquiries:-

1. It is noted that the fee which it is proposed to charge is 45 guineas for a year of three academic terms, less grant. I am to enquire whether this fee will cover any cost involved in providing the six months' training in Hospital for students taking the two years' course, and to suggest that this should be made clear in the prospectus. As stated in paragraph (3) of Part I of Memo.101/M.C.W., the Minister will need to be satisfied that this training is available, and he would be glad to be informed in due course what arrangements have been made in this respect.

2. It is noted that the Council of Bedford College do not propose to organise a course of six months' training for fully trained nurses. It appears to the Minister to be doubtful whether any considerable number of nurses will be prepared to take a whole-time course lasting for one year, but if the Council are willing to take this risk, the Minister would be prepared to consider the question

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of approving the course suggested, on receipt of a copy of the syllabus as finally settled. It should, however, be remembered that in addition to this special public health course the nurses will have taken their full hospital training and must also obtain the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. The Grant in respect of each student taking the one year's course could not in any event exceed £15.

5. It should be made clear in the prospectus that the examination will be arranged by a central examining body, and that although the examination may be taken immediately after either course is completed, the Health Visitor's certificate will not be given in the case of students taking the two years' course until the Hospital training has been completed and the certificate of the Central Midwives Board has been obtained, and in the case of students taking the shortened course until the latter certificate has been obtained. It is also suggested that the age limits specified in paragraph 7(ii) of the conditions of Grant should be mentioned in the prospectus.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

J. L. Turley