

INTERNATIONAL NURSING STUDENTS.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MISS ALICE FITZGERALD,
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Miss Alice Fitzgerald, Chief of the Division of Nursing of the League of Red Cross Societies, which has its head quarters at Geneva, has been paying a visit to this country, principally in connection with the establishment of the group of nurses from 18 countries who are taking the course, extending over the academic year, which at the instance of the League, has been arranged

most in need of assistance. The choice of the holders has been left in each instance to the National Red Cross Society in the country concerned, and Miss Fitzgerald warmly approves the selections made. The essentials laid down for holders of the scholarships were that they must speak English fluently, must have received a good education, and have remained at school till the age of 18; and must possess the highest nursing certificate that their country gives.

The scholarships are held by nurses from France, Russia, Greece, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Serbia, Roumania, Portugal, Switzer-



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for these nurses, by the authorities of King's College for Women, Campden Hill, Kensington. Miss Fitzgerald is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where she received her training under Miss Nutting; and her Assistant, Miss Florence Waters, who also graduated in the same city, has gone into residence at King's College, in charge of the International Students, the majority of whom have already arrived in London. Miss Waters came to Europe in the first American Red Cross ship in 1914.

Ten Scholarships have been awarded by the League, two by Red Cross Societies, and one by Lady Muriel Paget's Mission to Russia, the objects kept in view being to help those countries which have suffered most during the war, or which are

land, Peru, and Venezuela, and the group also includes students from England, Denmark, Sweden, the United States of America, and Canada. The nurses selected are of high standing in their own countries; thus Denmark has sent Miss Magdalene Tidemond, holder of the Florence Nightingale Medal for this year; Greece, Mlle. Athina Messelova, Matron-in-Chief of the National Nursing Service; Switzerland, Mlle. Erika A. Michel, Superintendent of Nurses at the Lindenhof Hospital, Berne; and Canada, Miss Jean Browne, who has already had considerable experience in Public Health Nursing.

It is the hope of the League that the Red Cross Societies will develop a peace programme, and that the students when they return to their own countries will carry on educational propaganda.

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