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STUDENTS FROM 15 COUNTRIES

AWARDS IN LONDON

Students who had successfully completed the courses under the Florence Nightingale International Foundation were yesterday presented with their certificates by Count John Limburg-Stirum, Netherlands Minister in London, at Bedford College for Women, Regent's Park. Sir Arthur Stanley presided.

Reviewing the year's work, Miss G. E. M. JEBB, principal of Bedford College, said the 21 students who had gained awards were drawn from 15 countries. Four came from Britain, five from the British Empire—one each from Canada, South Africa, and Australia, and two from India; two from the United States, and one from China, while Europe was represented by students from Poland, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Latvia, Norway, the Netherlands, and Turkey.

In view of the international situation it was encouraging to note that the number of students entering had been well maintained for the coming session. During the 20 years the course had been running it had developed to meet the needs. Founded primarily to prepare people for public health work, it was varied to suit the needs of those who were to engage in nursing administration in hospitals and centres of nursing. There was added later a section for those whose special interest was in social work connected with hospitals. Last year an alternative course was provided for those concerned with problems of nursing education. Four students had taken that course during the year and had had opportunities of teaching practice in a number of nursing centres.

The Florence Nightingale Foundation, which was run in conjunction with the College of Nursing, was taking part in the fight against disease and ignorance, and in that struggle national differences were forgotten. It was one of the constructive things going on and in these troubled times was a pleasure to think about.