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THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The election of the President of the International Council of Nurses, which takes place at each Regular Meeting, is a matter of the utmost importance, and it is with pleasure we announce that Miss Nina D. Gage, R.N., M.A., Dean of the Hunan-Yale School of Nursing, at Hunan, China, was elected by the Grand Council of the I.C.N. at Hel-singfors, to this high office for the term 1925-1929.

Miss Gage, the newly-elected President, was born and brought up in New York City, receiving the B.A. degree of Wellesley College in 1905. She graduated from the Roosevelt Hospital Training School for Nurses, New York, in 1908, and received the R.N. of the University of the State of New York in the same year. After holding the position of Night Supervisor at the Roosevelt Hospital after graduation for several months she went to China in 1909, where her professional career has since been spent, and where she has done much to organise nursing education, and to raise the standard of nursing.

After spending a year in studying the language, in 1910 she began hospital work, and opened nurses' classes. In 1912-1914 she was elected President of the Nurses' Association of China.

In 1913 the Hunan Yale School of Nursing was opened, the Women's School in the Yale Mission Hospital, and the Men's School in the Hospital of the Hunan Red Cross Society, which had then no nurses, and was glad to offer its facilities to the College of Yale in China, which at that time was opening its Medical School and School of Nursing in co-operation with a group of Chinese educators whose hospital was inadequate for the work to be done.

From 1913-1917 Miss Gage was Superintendent of Nurses at the Hunan Red Cross Hospital, and at the Hospital of the College of Yale in China, from that date known as the

Hunan-Yale Hospital in recognition of the joint share of both the Hunanese and Yale in the enterprise, holding also the position of Principal of the Hunan Yale School for Nurses.

In 1917-1918 Miss Gage was on leave, studying at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, and from June to September, 1918, held the position of Professor of Nursing at Vassar Training Camp for Nurses, Vassar College, Pough Keepsie, New York. This camp was opened to give a three months' intensive course in preliminary nursing work to College graduates only. In September they went to certain approved schools of nursing and completed a two years' course for the diploma in nursing.

About 430 students attended the Camp. Some died during the influenza epidemic of October, 1918, some dropped out of Nursing after the Armistice; but nearly 50 per cent completed their course and are proving themselves of great service at the present time in the nursing Profession.

In 1918 a new large building of the Hunan-Yale Hospital was opened, both men and women being under the same roof.

From 1919-1924 Miss Gage held the position of Dean of the Hunan-Yale School of Nursing, and in 1922 was appointed Chairman of the Education Committee of the Nurses' Association of China, a Committee which was created in that year. It has charge of planning a curriculum, suggesting text books, registering schools of Nursing, conducting annual

examinations for the N.A.C. diploma, which takes the place of State Board Examinations where State Registration is in force, arranging and translating text books, and promoting nursing education in so far as lies in its power.

In 1924-1925 Miss Gage returned home on leave and in May, 1925, obtained the M.A. degree of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, as well as the Diploma of Teachers' College in Hospital and School of Nursing Administration.

In the spring of 1925 she became a member of the



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