

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

MISS GRACE MITCHELL FAIRLEY.

Miss Grace Mitchell Fairley, the new President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, is well known to a wide circle of nurses for her interest in nursing organisation through the International Council of Nurses, and the Florence Nightingale International Foundation through the Canadian National Committee, of which she is Chairman.

Miss Fairley, who is a Scotswoman by birth, was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, obtaining her certificate in 1905, and is a State Registered Nurse in this country. After holding the position of Ward Sister in her training school, she was appointed Assistant Matron of the Glasgow City Hospital. She then went to Canada, where she was appointed Lady Superintendent of the Alexandra Hospital, Montreal, and subsequently Super-

intendent of Nurses at the City Hospital, Hamilton, and the Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario.

Her colleagues in this country will unite in wishing her a happy and successful term of office as President of the Canadian Nurses' Association. The omens point to the fulfilment of these wishes.

British Nurses. Few could realise all that it meant to be so splendidly received when one visited the Homeland. It was just the kind of thing that made England more dear than ever to her sons and daughters across the seas, and she would take away with her inspiring memories of the beautiful words that had been spoken, the welcome extended to her and the friendship that seemed to pervade everything. We were living in difficult times, times that presented problems to all, but a welcome such as had been extended here in England was something that would be remembered when difficulties were forgotten. Since 1932 Miss Fairley has been actively interested in the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, in connection with which she has done excellent work.

She was one of the delegates of the Canadian Nurses' Association to the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in London in 1937.

Miss Fairley is a Foundation Member of the British College of Nurses, and a member of the College of Nursing.



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In 1929 Miss Fairley accepted the position she still holds with conspicuous success as Director of Nursing and Principal of the School of Nursing in the Vancouver General Hospital. Under her direction, says *The Canadian Nurse*, an excellent teaching department has been organised, and she has gathered about her an enthusiastic and well-prepared staff. Several of the young women whom she has helped to develop now occupy key positions in other institutions.

Miss Fairley was President of the Nursing Education Section of the Canadian Nurses' Association for four years, and is still President of the Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia. She was for two years a Vice-President of the American Hospitals Association, and takes an active part in the work of the British Columbia Hospitals Association.

Miss Fairley attended Nightingale Week in London in 1932, and speaking at a dinner given during that week by the Royal British Nurses' Association said that it touched her more than she could say to have been so beautifully entertained at the Headquarters of this Association of

THE ABRAM CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The *Nursing Journal for India* for October publishes a picture of the Abram Challenge Shield instituted in honour of Miss Madge E. Abram, the late President and active organiser of the Trained Nurses' Association of India. The journal publishes a letter of appreciation from Miss Abram who writes:—

"I feel very much touched to hear and very proud indeed that a Shield bearing my name will be held by Hospitals in India through their Nurses.

"May I take this opportunity of thanking the Trained Nurses' Association of India for the very great honour they have paid me in instituting a Shield in my memory for competition amongst the Nurses of India. I shall watch its progress with great interest and gratitude."

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