

APPRECIATION

Miss Gracie Fields

That Rochdale is proud of Miss Gracie Fields and of the supreme place she has won in her profession is testified by the universal approval shown by townspeople of the Council's decision to admit her to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough, and the national interest in the event is an indication of the esteem in which she is held throughout the country. Rochdale born, Miss Fields has never wavered in her affectionate loyalty to the town. Thrice she has given of her talents in a week's performance for local charities. Known on three Continents she has consistently and enthusiastically striven to put Rochdale "on the map" of other lands as well as on that of her own country. There is no need to appraise her rich gifts to Rochdale people and it is their happiness to know that their regard for her is shared by British people everywhere.

Success has left her unspoilt and at the top of her profession. She is now devoting herself to the task of endowing her Home at Peacehaven for the orphans of artistes who have fallen by the way. It is a characteristic gesture of the brilliant and warm-hearted personality whom Rochdale delights to honour.



MISS GRACIE FIELDS