

Mary Ann Crow, a scrubber at the Plumstead Infirmary for over forty years, during which time she has never once been late, and has only been absent through illness for three days, has just retired with a small pension, and in view of her record she has been awarded a gratuity of £10.

What a splendid example of hard work, tenacity of purpose, and sense of duty, to every probationer who enters the hospital. We are sorry to read that her pension is small. She should be kept in real comfort till the end of her days. Mary Ann Crow is the right stuff.

month. An editorial in the *Medical Record* advises that a course of lectures and demonstrations should be given probationers before their admission to the wards. It acknowledges that this is done in some hospitals. It considers that the power of the superintendent of nurses is usually much too arbitrary. Personal animus or lack of patience with a beginner may terminate abruptly a career which would otherwise have been successful. No nurse, it concludes, should be allowed to practise until she has passed an examination by a State licensing board in both theoretical and practical nursing.



AN AUSTRALIAN NURSE RECORDING HER VOTE IN A LONDON HOSPITAL ON THE QUESTION OF CONSCRIPTION FOR AUSTRALIA.

In a paper, says the *American Journal of Nursing*, on the Education of Nurses, presented at a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New Jersey, the question was asked whether it was fair to the applicant who came to the hospital to be trained, to use her as much as she was used for the convenience of the institution and to neglect so largely the bedside training. Too often, it was stated, the nurse's training was left to a subordinate nurse, while those paid for that purpose were seldom seen at the bedside. Gross errors were too often controlled by severe discipline, instead of being remedied by example and precept.

The subject of nurses seems to be on the tapis in the American medical journals this

#### ENEMY INFLUENCE IN OUR MIDST.

We are glad to note that a special committee to suggest measures for the elimination of enemy influence in our midst, has been appointed by the Unionist War Committee, and that it is going to tackle our naturalisation scandal. At its first meeting it was suggested the following changes in the Statute law should be made:—

1. There should be a longer period of qualification.
2. The oath of allegiance should be taken in all cases.
3. There should be power to revoke a naturalisation certificate.
4. Naturalisation in this country should be accompanied by denaturalisation in the country of origin.

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