

Personalities

In 1918 3980

Mary McDowell of Chicago

Head of Hull House, University Settlement Chicago

for 21 years -

Particularly valuable work in Stockyard District working for health - amenities - better labour conditions - conditions of women.

Called locally "Mother of the Stockyards"
"The Garbage Lady"

Created & made actually popular a public demand for better treatment of garbage & refuse - got installed a up-to-date incinerator plant - & improved methods of assembly & collection from the kitchen to it.

American Women's Christian Assoc. sent her as a Allied Enquirer to Eng. to study British methods of demobilisation & readjustment, especially of women.

Great Stockyard workers (women & men) gave her a great send-off

She also sought information in France visiting the edge of the battle fronts to see the American & British forces

Very bright sound vigorous personality - many other aspects of her work -

In London interview said

"Your W.A.A.C's are simply splendid. I find on enquiry that out of 50,000 mobilised, only 4 per thousand have been sent home for indiscretion. Think of it! If it had been their brothers!"

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Bus-Conductors - girls - cephaloid her
competent, cheerful & quick, she says. Of
The Russell Square postwoman she took a
souvenir photograph

The demobilisation out of work pay (25/-) she
regards a meagre

Votes refused until 30 - are highly ridiculous
"It is generally agreed that young women of 21 yrs
are more mature & responsible than young men
of that age"

Visited factories & industrial districts &
many branches of the ~~Women in Industry Branch~~
~~of the~~ Local Demobilisation Committees etc.

Found comfort at the Old Vic - great get-
together with Lilian Baylis - admiration for
the pioneer work of Emma Cons & its
perpetuation & extension by Lilian

First note I have found of anyone saying
that a national honour for Lilian
was overdue - 1918.
