WOMAN'S READNOUGH

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PRICE ONE HALFPENNY.

STRANDED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

At the Women's Hall, on Sunday, August 9th, we regretted to have to announce that our speaker, Miss Georgina Brackenbury, who had gone abroad to recover from a serious illness brought on by too much speaking for Votes for Women, was, with her mother, stranded in Germany and unable to return. The thought of our own friends and relatives in foreign countries, surrounded by peoples with whom we are at war, must make us realise the unfortunate plight of Germans and other foreigners who are in England at this time. We in East London know that many of these people have lived with us as friendly neighbours for years. Some of them are political refugees, who, because they have dared to try to get reforms in their own autocratically governed countries, have been obliged to fly here for safety. Let us preserve our self-control at this trying time, and endeavour to see that these people are not made to bear the blame of the wrongs which are being done in this war, which they have no more power to prevent than we.

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British women who have married foreigners have lost their British citizenship. If their husbands are Germans they and their children must be registered as alien citizens of a hostile country, although they have never left their native land. This is a hard day for them.

Many Germans object to the war. Mr. Rennie Smith, of Nelson, Lancashire, reports that at a great anti-war meeting in Berlin the police made a bayonet charge on the crowd. All the Socialist and other political clubs of Germany are being suppressed by the Government.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd,
Great Demonstration

At East India Dock Gates, Poplar,
JOHN SOURR, Mes. WALKER,
Mes. DRAKE and others.

To demand that the Government shall control the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control of the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control of the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control of the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control the food supplies in the interests of all, and give votes to women, to describe the control the food supplies in the interests of all the control the food supplies in the interests of all the control the food supplies in the interests of all the control the food supplies in the interests of all the control the food supplies in the interests of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interests of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supplies in the interest of all the control the food supp



Where some of the £4,000,000 Housing Grant is needed.

fathers have bravely left in the charge fathers have bravely left in the charge of mothers, to fight for their country. We cannot help thinking of the children who attend Eton and Harrow Colleges. We wonder whether 14d. a head is sufficient for their dinner. No, the men who sit in Parliament and legislate for the working class, see to it that their children's dinners at Eton and Harrow cost far more than 14d. a head.

We almost think we are in the midst of another great Dock Strike—only

of another great Dock Strike—only this is far worse—for a great number of transport workers are torn from their occupations and their homes to join the Reserves, and we women join the Researe left alone.

RELIEF COMMITTEES.

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The President of the Local Government Board has appointed three committees to co-operate with the Cabinet Committee on Prevention and Relief of Distress. On the large committee for Loudon two women have been appointed—Mrs. Sidney Webb and Miss Adler. No women have as yet been placed on the committees for appointed—Mrs. Sidney Webb and Miss Adler. No women have as yet been placed on the committees for appointed districts. It is most important that women and especially working women, who have the knowledge born of experience of to these committees without delay. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Mrs. Scurr have been appointed to the central Relief Committee for the Bow, ransport recealled and Bromley district. This committees will be appointed.

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rich.

(4) That working women shall be placed on all committees for fixing food prices, and for providing employment and relief.

(5) That the Parliamentary franchise be immediately granted to women in order that they may help in minimising, as far as possible, the horrors of war.

OUR DUTY.

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The East London Federation of the Suffragettesh has offered what service it can give to the mayors in the districts where its work lies. To lend aid to the relief committees is not a thing for which anyone need wish to take special credit; it is the ordinary instinct of humanity to do what one can at such a time of exceptional crisis and distress. The members of the Federation are mostly poor and busy women; they cannot give so much in money as Duchesses and millionairesses, but they know by experience the needs of working women. The Federation feels that its principal duty is to bring pressure to bear on the Government, which has much greater power to attend to such matters than any number of private individuals, to secure justice for the women, and especially the working women and especially the working women in the total the described of the country.

If women had the vote the prospect of securing justice in all such matters would be brighter, but in the meantime the Federation is determined to do what it can to keep the working women's point of view to the fore.

relief committees has caused many to go hungry. Women come constantly to the Women's Hall to ask advice, and our canvassers hear piteous stories of distress at almost every house.

SOME HARD CASES.

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One woman, whose husband is a stevedore thrown out of work through the war, walked over from Poplar to see us. She has two children—one-three years, one twelve months old—and is expecting another in three months time. They live in two rooms for which they pay 5s. Another, whose husband is also a docker out of work, has four children—aged six years, four years, two and a half years, and three months. They pay 5s. a week for three little rooms.

Another woman, who is a widow, has two little children of school age. Her daughter of 15 has been earning 5s., every penny of which she gave to the mother, but is now (Continued on page 87, col. 1.)

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SOAT OF CHARGE.

OUR EMPLOYMENT

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wages to his mother, but is out of work

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FUNDS URGENTLY NEEDED.

WANTED.—More "Dreadnought" sellers. Friends out of work can sell the paper on news-agents terms, i.e., 26 for 8d.

Government has yet foreshadowed. Commercial men say that the Fince of Wales and distress.

Sir Alfred Mond estimates that 300,000 persons in this country are engaged in trade with or employed in the manifacture of goods exported to Germany. These will all be thrown out of work.

Portsmouth's leading commercial industry—corset making—is greatly disturbed by the war. Several factories are closing this week, and between 2,000 and 3,000 women and girls will be thrown out of work the Scotch fisher lasses and other women engaged in the demandant their families. It will also throw out of work the Scotch fisher lasses and other women engaged in the curing industry.

Amongst the weavers and spinners of wool and cotton in Lancashire and Vorkshire the majority of the employees are women. These people are suffering greatly from unemployment, due to the war.

FILINDES.

The Women's Freedom League are offering to organise a force of policewomen.

An appeal is being made for 30,000 men to swear themselves in as special constables in the Morpolitan police force under Color ender Color

MAT MAKING.



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WHY YOU SHOULD DRINK AND LIPTONS COCOA

The Quality is absolutely guaranteed. It possesses a delicious and distinctive flavour,

palate.

As a food beverage it is most nutritious and sustaining.

The price is only 4 d.d. per 1-lb. tin, half the usual charge for BEST COCOA. A FREE GIFT THIS PRESENTATION BOX of Finest Quality CHOCOLATES is

GIVEN FREE

a Exchange for the complete White and Gold Labels taken from

Mr. McKENNA FIGHTS AGAINST VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Beglish women are doing the same.

This money is in addition to any remainder of pay the soldier may make.

Soldiers can assign all their pay to their wives, if abroad, but only half if all the working women to the fore.

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Dear Editor,—law read in the Press that numerous ladies have read in the Press that numerous ladies are willing gettinen owning motor cars are willing gettinen owning with the Government to the fore.

Woman's DREADNOUGHT

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DISTRICT REPORTS.

BOW AND BROMLEY. Organiser—Mrs. IVES. Mrs. BOUVIER, pro. lem. 321 Roman Road, Bow, E.

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Scretary—Miss Young,
100 Greenwood Road, Dalston, N.E.
Very gaod meetings held at Swiss Cottage,
Lauriston Road, on Monday night, and at
30 Churchill Road on Tuesday afternoon.
Miss Pankhurst's visit was very much
appreciated. There is a great deal of work
to be done in the way of canvassing, distributing and selling the Dreadnought, and
offers of help will be welcomed. Will anyone who is willing to give any time to this
work, please communicate with me.
Dreadnoughts sold week ending Aug. 8,

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POPLAR.

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Organiser—Miss Mary Paterson.
Office—319 East Invia Dock Road.

The meetings throughout the week have been successful, especially the street corner series on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Pankhurst paid a surprise visit, and went round speaking from the Dreadnought cart. Many papers also were sold and back numbers given away. Selling was continued in Chrisp Street at night.

We must make up another selling and

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We must make up another selling and speaking party for next Saturday. Members should meet at 319 East India Dock Road

Will members please make a special effort to work up the *Dreadnought* sales? We need the paper more than ever to help us in present crisis.

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OUTING.

The "Outing" balance sheet has now been issued, and is on view at the offices in Bow and Poplar.

Dreadnoughts sold fortnight ending Aug. 9th—220.

Mrs. Bird 61 Miss Cross 78 Miss Long 72

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SOCIETIES.
R. S. P. U.

Members' meetings every Tuesday 8.30
p.m., at the Women's Hall, Old Ford Road,
Subscriptions 3d. and 1d. a week. A special
campaign of open-air meetings on Wednesday and Friday nights to demand that the
Government take over the food supply and
give votes to women, also on the "No Rent"
Strike. The R.S.P.U. has written to Mr.
Keir Hardie, asking him to receive a deputation on the cost of food.
E. LONDON MEN'S SOCIETY FOR W.S.
Hom. Doganiser: Rev. C. A. WILLS, B.A.
188 Devons Road, Bow, E.

Members are requested to rally round in
good numbers to protect "No Rent"
strikers.

EAST AND WEST HAM POOR

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At a Special Summoned Meeting of the Committee of the above, it was unanimously agreed that owing to the grave crisis through which the Country is passing, that the outing for this year be abandoned, and the cash in hand be used to alleviate the distress that is bound to occur in these parishes. Any further subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowleged by—

ERNEST H. WILLIAMS,

The "Coliseum," Hon. Secretary.

Green Street, Upton Park.

APPEAL TO SUFFRAGISTS

The following letter appeared in the Evening Standard of Aug. 11th

the Evening Standard of Aug. 11th: Sir,—Now is the moment for the Suffragists to prove their worth. Let them defend their country, guard the stores, nurse the sick and wounded, help the poor.

There are many brilliant women among them who can suggest work I cannot think of. Only let them do something big for the good of their country, and gain the admiration of the world and the love of the people, and eventually they may get the vote.

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The writer of this letter evidently forgets that such a personas Florence Nightingale ever existed. Our readers will remember that in the Crimea. War Florence Nightingale played a tremendous part. When she landed at Scutari in 1854 she found that the sick and wounded, who had been brought in boat-loads from the Crimea, were crowded together with hardly a change of clothing, without medicines and without food. Scandolus jobbery had been practised in

Crimea, were crowded together with mardly a change of clothing, without medicines and without food. Scandalous jobbery had been practised in the placing of army contracts. Both the stores and clothes were in a disgraceful condition; bad meat had been packed in tins for the soldiers to eat, and many dozens of odd shoes had been sent out for the soldiers to wear. Rats infested the wards of the Scutari hospital and ran with impunity amongst the living and the dead. Before she got at the medicine for the sick and wounded, Florence Nightingale had to break doors open with a hatchet. In six weeks after Florence Nightingale's arrival, 8,000 patients were sent to the Scutari hospital. So insanitary was the place when she first came that many died merely through breathing; ats air. During the first six months of the war the death rate had been at the rate of 60 per cent. of the entire army; during the last six months of the war the death rate had been at the rate of 60 per cent. of the entire army; during the last six months of the war the death rate had been at the rate of 60 per cent. Of the entire army; during the last six months of the war the death rate had been at the rate of 60 per cent. Of the entire army; during the last six months of the war the death rate had been at the rate of 60 per cent. Of the entire army; during the last six months of the store are not only effected an entire re-organisation of the nursing of the sick and wounded, but she revolutionised the management of the stores department. She saved the Government of the time from eternal disgrace; yet when the same Government next dealt with the franchise question, they decided that whilst a man criminal should be entitled to regain his vote as soon as he had served his sentence, no British woman should execrcise the vote on any terms whatsoever. woman should excercise the vote on

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Let us see to it that this shall not happen again.

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The Anti-Sufrage Review in its July number, makes bitter but very feeble complaint, because Mr. Asquith received the fast London deputation. They say that when he admitted the women to his august presence Mr. Asquith was labouring under the false impression that they were not militant; yet, the East London Federation of the Sufragettes seem to be quite successful in keeping the London police busy. The Anti-Sufrage Review tries to belittle the statements made by the members of the deputation, saying: "It is possible that instances of 'adult women earning 7s. or 8s. for a full week's work' were known to the deputation, for there must be even more tragic cases than that, but Votes for Women will not affect individual cases of hardship, and we have yet to learn that those ill-paid workers would prefer to receive nothing at all as the result of the fixing of a universal wage for which they might not be able to qualify." Remarks of this kind amount to nothing and consist of absolute nonsense. We must assure the writer of the paragraph that there are not merely a few individual cases of adult women earning 7s. or for this object. We agree that these ill-paid workers would have the right to the lower to combine in using their votes for this object. We agree that these ill-paid workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no wages at all, because they cannot exist on owages at all because they cannot exist on workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no wages at all, because they cannot exist on workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no wages at all, because they cannot exist on workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no wages at all, because they cannot exist on workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no wages at all, because they cannot exist on workers are obliged to prefer small wages to no wages at all, because they cannot exist on workers are obliged to prefer small wages to

On Monday, August, 10th a large deputation of E.L.F.S. members from Bow and Poplar went down to interview Members of Parliament to urge that the food supply should be immediately controlled by the Government in the interests of all the people, and to urge that the vote should be given to women without further delay. A larger deputation is being organised for Tuesday, August 25th, and those who can take part in this deputation should communicate with Miss Sylvia

WHY DON'T THEY GO INTO SERVICE.

"An East End incumbent, whose parish abounds with the class of girls who serve in tea-shops and factories," writes to the Church Times in class of girls who serve that the broaden of women's sweated labour work of the control of th

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THE HOME?
We are for ever being told that the place of woman is in the HOME. Well, so be it. But what do you expect of her in the home? Merely to stay in the home is not enough. She is a failure unless she does certain things for the home. She must make the home minister, as lar as her means allow, to the health and welfare, moral as well as physical, of her family, and especially of her children. She, more than anyone else, is held responsible for what they become.

SHE is responsible for the cleanliness of her house.
SHE is responsible for the wholesomeness of the food.
SHE is responsible for the children's health.

SHE, above all, is responsible for their morals, for their sense of truth, of honesty and of decency, for what

of honesty and of decency, for what they turn out to be.

HOW FAR CAN THE MOTHER CONTROL THESE THINGS P
She can clean her own rooms, BUT if the neighbours are allowed to live in filth, she cannot keep her rooms from being filled with bad airs and smells, or from being infested by vermin.

She can cook her food well, BUT if dealers are permitted to sell poor food, unclean milk or stale eggs, she cannot make the food wholesome for her children.

She can care for her own plumbing and her refuse, BUT if the plumbing in the rest of the house is unsanitary, if garbage accumulates and the halls and stairs of flats and tenements are left dirty, she cannot protect her children from the sickness and infection that these conditions bring.

She can take every care to avoid fire, BUT if the house has been badly built, if the fire-escapes are insufficient or defective, she cannot guard her or defective, she cannot guard her children from being maimed or killed

children from being maimed or killed by fire.

She can open her windows to give her children the air that we are told is so necessary, BUT if the air is laden with infection, with tuberculosis and other contagious diseases, she cannot protect her children from this danger.

She can send her children out for air and exercise, but if the conditions that surround them on the streets are immoral and degrading, she cannot protect them from these dangers.

ALONE, she CANNOT make these things right, WHO or WHAT can?

THE GOVERNMENT can do it—the GOVERNMENT that is elected BY THE PEOPLE, to take care of the interests OF THE PEOPLE.

And who decides what the Government shall do?

FIRST, the officials of that Government; and

ment shall do?
FIRST, the officials of that Government; and
SECOND, those who elect them.
DO the WOMEN ELECT THEM?
NO, the men do. So it is the MEN
and NOT THE WOMEN that are
really responsible for the
UNCLEAN HOUSES
BAD PLUMBING
UNWHOLESOME FOOD
DANGER OF FIRE
RISK OF TUBERCULOSIS
AND OTHER DISEASES
IMMORAL INFLUENCES OF
THE STREET
In fact, MEN are responsible for the
conditions under which the children
live, but we hold WOMEN responsible
for the results, of the conditions. If
we hold women responsible for the
results, must we not, in simple justice,
let them have something to say as
to what these conditions shall be?
There is one simple way of doing this.
Give them the same means that men
have. LET THEM WOTE.

There is one simple way of doing this. Give them the same means that men have. LET THEM VOTE.

Women are, by nature and training, housekeepers. Let them have a hand in the Nation's housekeeping, even if they introduce an occasional housecleaning.

cleaning.

This is a copy of a leaflet that American women are distributing in their campaign for the vote. They have already succeeded in winning the vote in eleven states and are doing good work with it.

All the arguments they use apply to women in this country also. We need the vote just as much as they do, and are capable of making just as wise a use of it. If you believe in Votes for Women and want a vote for yourself, join the East London Federation of the Suffragettes.

TO COOK AND WASH AND SEW.

To cook and wash and sew, that's all my lot
It's all that I can do, day in day out
As time runs into weeks, and months and years
That's all that I can do, day in day out
As time runs into weeks, and months and years
That's all my life—there isn't any more
Yes, there was love. It came just like a
flower,
With trembling grew and stirred the depths
of me.
He tired first and then my heart went cold,
The longing died, for him to come o'nights
The children! Yes, but they're at school or
play,
No time for me. The little ones were best,
When I couldbath and hush them off to sleep,
They'd put their pretty arm sabout me then.
Now they're too big and p'raps I've grown
too sharp.
I'm tired with work and all they want's
their food.
Often there isn't very much of that.
I don't complain, there 'sothers live like me
But sometimes of an evening, when sun sets,
On Sundays aw'd happens—p'raps the sun,
That seems to draw me, as I sit and look.
A thought comes over me, why should it be?
Why should if be so hard and I so tired?
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Why should I be so ignorant and dul
With never time to let my poor soul grow?
And I could think I'd got the strength to
change.
I never op'n a book, my eyes too dim.
I scarce can write my name for lack of use
But thoughts all melting gold flash in my
brain
Great men and women dressed in angel's
clothes.

But thoughts all melting gold flash in my brain
Great men and women dressed in angel's
Flowers and fields and little baby things.
Water and sun and words too fine for me.
All of a stream. If I could write them down, or think to say them after it was gone!
It almost seems that I could sing out free, So loud and grand that it would wake the stars.
Just foolish thoughts that go and leave me cold
The world's soon real again and work comes round,
Suppers to get and washing-up to do
And children's Sunday clothes to put away.
Just foolish thoughts that make my poor heart long
Just foolish thoughts, but yet why should it
be?
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