## THE

# READNOUGHT WOMAN'S

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### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

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Saturday, Jan. 9th; 3 p.m.—Poster Parade
starting from 20 Railway St., Poplar,
8 p.m.—Lecture Hall, 68 Holloway Road
(Highbury Station)—Miss Sylvin Pankhall Berney, Women and War."
Sunnyan, 10th, 3 p.m.—Victoria Park—
Mrs. Bouvier and others.
8 p.m.—The Women's Hall—Mrs. Walker,
Mrs. Bouvier.
Monday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m.—Bow, Women's
Hall—Mrs. Walker.
8 p.m.—"Peacock," Freemason's Road—
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8 p.m.—"Lesbia Rd—Mrs. Feek.
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Poplar Town Hall—Miss S. Pank-

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Thursday, Jan. 14th, 3 p.m.—Deacon's Vestry—Members' Debate. 8 p.m.—Faknapp Rd.—Mrs. Walker. 8 p.m.—Faknapp Rd.—Mrs. Schlette. 8 p.m.—Fwomen's Hall, Bow Choir Practice. Priday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall.—Mrs. Drake. 8 pm.—Eanning Town—Beckton Rd.—Miss Feek.

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8 p.m.—Bow Baths Public Meeting—
Miss S. Pankhurst, Mrs. Scurr and
others.
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Hall—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs.

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Friday, Jan. 2nd. 8 p.m. — Brotherhood Church, Southgate Road, Kingsland, N. — Miss Sylvia Fankhurst, Mrs. Walker.
Sunday, Jan. 24th, 3 p.m. — Joint Demonstration, Trafalgar Square—E. L.F.S., Freedom League, Northern Men's Federation, United Suffragists.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE.

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What a splendid step onward this is! When shall we make this necessary provision which is far more urgently necessary in this country than anywhere in America?

But all the American States are not yet Suffrage States and all the American citizens are not yet ready for so far reaching a reform. Therefore the Oregon law has not been allowed to pass on to the Statute book unquestioned. The United States Supreme Court has held it up and is considering whether the law is "constitutional." This makes the women workers all the more determined to get the vote in every State, in order that they may bring the pressure of political power to bear in the Supreme Court as well as in the States.

### HOW THE CABINET COMMITTEE'S SCALE WORKS OUT.

Suppose a family is composed of a man and wife and five children, four being still of school age and having meals at school, and one being at work earning 5s. The sum worked by the almoner, interpreting the instructions strictly, is as follows:—Maximum relief for man and wife with four dependent children, 20s. Deduct earnings of boy at work (5s.), deduct 6d. a week for each child having school meals (2s.) Relief to be given is then 20s.—5s.—2s. = 13s.

Thus it is apparently assumed that a boy at work lives on air, and devotes all the money he earns to the hospital. They get four shilling tickets in relief.

A man earned 8s. for two days' work. He has six children and was given seven shilling tickets.

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much when War broke out. He joined the army, and was invalided out of the service after some weeks. He registered on November 3rd, but heard nothing from the Prince of Wales's fund. The family has pawned and sold everything. He is told that he is not eligible for relief.

A woman was given 6s. worth of relief tickets. She had earned 1s. 9d. that week, bringing her income up to 7s. 9d. Before the War she had earned regularly 9s. a week. She could hardly live on that. Why cut it down?

## IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

Keep the Votes for Women flag flying! Come to demand Votes for Women now!

Come to stand up for the Soldier's wife and mother !

Demand the abolition of police supervision and pensions of £1 a week for the mother and 5s. a week for each child.

Come to protest against the State regulation of vice. Remember Josephine Butler. Has she lived in vain.?

Come to demand work for those who are unemployed through the War!

Come to demand a living wage of 5d, an hour for women employed on all work subsidised by Government funds, or working for Government contractors.

Come to demand for women a voice in averting the horrors of war, and in bringing all wars to an end.

Come to demand a Vote for every woman

## Poplar Town Hall, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12,

At 8 p.m.

SPEAKERS :

Miss Sylvia PANKHURST Mrs. DRAKE

AND OTHERS.

## Bow Baths Hall, FRIDAY, JANUARY 15,

At 8 p.m.

SPEAKERS :

Miss Sylvia PANKHURST Councillor BANKS Mrs. J. SCURR Mrs. SCHLETTE

Brotherhood Church, SOUTHGATE ROAD, ISLINGTON, N., FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, At 8 p.m.

# Trafalgar Square GREAT JOINT DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, January 24, At 3 p.m.

SYLVIA PANKHURST GEORGE LANSBURY Mrs. HUNTER, a Soldier's Wife BEN TILLETT H. W. NEVINSON Mrs. DRAKE Mrs. WALKER Miss NINA BOYLE and others.

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### DISTRICT REPORTS.

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Temporary Assistant Organiser:
Miss Manicon, 321 Roman Road.
Will members be sure to come to the members' meeting on Friday? Names are wanted for collecting on Milk Days—the first Saturday and Sunday in February. Members are also asked to give a little time to the stall in Roman Road, on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Savings Bank will be held on Friday evenings, members can begin at once. A meeting will be held at Bow Baths on January 15th. Chalking parties will be formed on Friday evenings, to advertise this meeting. Please keep January 24th free as we want as many members and friends as possible to attend the Trafalgar Square meeting. The E.L.F.S. must make a good show.

Dreadnoughts sold two weeks ending Jan. 3,

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Distributed—Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Moore, 250; Mrs. Savoy, 250; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Harmsworth, 50; Mrs. Pascoe, 100; Mrs. Lake, 100. Mrs. Knudson, 175.

### BROMLEY.

Good meeting held at 53 St. Leonard Street on the 5th, Mrs. Bouvier gave a very interesting address. Will each member try and bring a friend with her next Tuesday week, so as to make Bromley meetings a big success, when we hope to discuss the Coal and Savings Clubs. Don't forget the Poplar Town Hall meeting next Tuesday.

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POPLAR.

THE WOMEN'S HALL, 20 RAILWAY ST.

DREADNOUGHT Secretary, Mrs. BIRD.

Miss Benningfield, Miss Lagsding and Miss Dent very kindly helped with the milk during the Christmas holidays. Our best thanks to them.

The restaurant was closed for a week and it was very gratifying to see how pleased our customers were when we reopened. Young and old said they were glad to see us back again. The milk had been served all through, as babies must not go without their milk at any time. So will anvone please take a collecting box outside the factories on payday to help us to pay for it?

The sale of clothes usually held on Mondays at 6 p.m., will commence again on the 18th January, as the children's party is on the 11th.

Branch meetings on Sunday evenings are

18th January, as the children's party is on the 1 th.

Branch meetings on Sunday evenings are now in full swing again. Will each member try to bring a friend and make this a new year resolution? The Friday afternoon meetings are for women only; a cup of tea is served at this meeting, and we shall be pleased to welcome some more mothers—you may bring your babies. There is always a good speaker who will help us to understand how the future of the race is bound up in this question of Votes for Women. Different speakers each week. All are welcome to the Tuesday evening meetings for men and women.

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Now as to paper selling, people are willing to buy, but we have not enough sellers. You have not much time, but one regular hour each week would soon work up a good pitch. Who will volunteer for the Dock Gates on Sunday morning, or outside the factories on Saturday dinnertime? Perhaps you will let us have suggestions, but do help as well! 202 Dreadnoughts sold week ending Jan. 2nd.—two weeks. Mrs. Schlette 106, Miss Lagsding 74 and one set.

Miss Di Benningfield gave two dressed dolls, baby garments and 2s. subscription.

Doubs, baby garments and 2s. subscription.

PLEASE NOTE.

There will be a working party for canvassing, chalking, billing, etc., for Poplar
members, every Tuesday evening, to start
from 20 Railway Street at 8 p.m., beginning
January 19th. Mrs. Allen will be the
captain.

## OTHER SOCIETIES. NORTH LONDON M.P.U. Hon. Sec.: Mr. H. G. EVERETT. 19 St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Parl

100. Sec. JR. H. G. EVERETT.
19 St. Thomas Road, Firisbury Park.
A special New Year's Social will be held
in the Argle Hall, Seven Sisters Road,
Finsbury Park, N., on Friday, January 15th,
from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets 6d. each, including fefreshments. One ticket admits
bearer and friends. Good music, recitations, sketches, games and dancing. All
members and sympathisers are asked to
attend this Social as we are hoping to make
it a great success, as that will give a big impetus to our North London campaign.
The Secretary wishes all the members a
happy New Year, and trusts that it will bring
Votes for Women. Let us all realize that
we too "are lighting for a worthy cause"
and determine that "we will not lay down
the sword until that purpose is achieved!"
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Hon. Sec. -J. W. Bonaruus, 89 Wyke Road.

Members of the R.S. P. U. wish to thank
everyone who supported the Joint Social
in aid of the E.L.F.S. Milk Fund and hope
that they will have yet more support in repeating such an entertainment at an early
date.

Members of the E.L.F.S. should at once join the Savings Club. Those who wish to do so should apply for contribution cards to the Club Secretary at the next branch meeting.

The Photograph of our Canning Town milk centre which we published last week was by Miss Muriel Darton, 2 Ravenstone Road, Hornsey, N.

### THE NEW YEAR PARTIES.

More than 1,500 children were packed into Bow Baths for the E.L.F.S. Children's Party in Bow. E.L.F.S. Children's Party in Bow. Popular songs were sung in chorus by the children, and they watched rather than listened to a play kindly presented by Janet Steer. Miss Evelyn Sharp, who had come to tell the promised fairy tales, was obliged, laughingly, to give up the attempt, for the din from 1,500 pairs of lungs was designing and one cannot tell for the din from 1,500 pairs of lungs was deafening, and one cannot tell fairy stories through a megaphone! But all could see and enjoy Miss Neva Ashbee's pretty dancing. Tea and cakes, passed along the rows as they sat, were followed by the giving of presents from Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett's magnificent Christmas Trees, and as each child was loaded with a toy, a cracker, and a garment, he or she passed out of the door, there to wait, as often as not till there to wait, as often as not, till some still smaller child joined him,

some still smaller child joined him, and all could set out through the dark streets for home.

Many thanks to Mrs. Arncliffe-Sennett and the many friends who for weeks past have been sending us presents of toys, garments, cakes, and awards. and sweets.

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In the evening the New Year's Party for members and their friends took place. A splendid concert was arranged by Miss Murray Clark.

Mrs. McCheyne and Mrs. Mante ably conducted the refreshments for both entertainments, and with many other friends worked till they almost

dropped.
Miss Phillips and Miss Smyth Miss Phillips and Miss Smyth were the only two who remembered to come in "fancy dress"—Miss Phillips, in a red cap of Liberty, came knitting as Madame Lafarge, Miss Smyth as "Grandmamma," both received prizes—to the great amusement of everyone.

The Herald League Band, conducted by Mr. Broadbear, kindly played for us both afternoon and evening.

## CAROLLING FOR THE E.L.F.S.

By Miss L. Macdonnell.
Have you ever spent a Christmas
Eve morning at Covent Garden?
If not, you have missed something
wonderful.

wonderful.

Two o'clock and we arrive. The cold, dark morning gives place to the glimmering light of the Market-place. Four soldiers are standing (locked out from their over-crowded club), knocking their feet on the curb. Presently, sounds, faint at first, reach the air-

Onward Christian Soldiers Marching on to War With the Cross of Jesus going on before.

Louder and louder it gets—
"We are not divided
All one body, we,
One in faith and doctrine, one in
Charity."

That reaches them! No need for us

That reaches them! No need for us to worry about not having enough collectors.

Four soldiers with collection tins march slowly up the flower aisles. Be-cloaked and hooded figures, with old Christmas lanterns, bring up the rear, chanting in low voices the heautiful battle hymn.

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Men from the fruit market come and make requests for us to go and sing our blessing for them. We go.

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Our soldiers go with us. The crowd grows.—All the market is alive to our presence, and we are glad that it was for what we symbolised they welcomed us. Not for what any of us happened to be.

Christmas Eve night, and we visit Westminster—that place of struggle and success for us—struggle and failure for many others! We go outside a soldiers' home. We hear a voice full of emotion saying: "Will you come in and sing to us? We go to the War to-morrow."

We step inside the warm hall, where many soldiers are seated, drinking tea and coffee. They are not talking, they are drinking and eating their frugal fare in almost complete silence.

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After we had been all entertained to refreshments by them, they saluted us, exchanged "God speed," and we between soldiers drawn passed out up at the salute

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We shall never forget it!

Every copper dropped into our boxes was not a mere copper, it was a wish, carried from the giver to the receiver, of comradeship, goodwill, and sister and brotherhood that will have facility and the company. hear fruit-who knows where?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO TO HELP THE "WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT" IN 1915.

You know that no one could read the "Woman's Dreadnought" every week without learning to understand us and wanting to help us. Therefore—

Will you get one more regular sub-scriber to our paper each week? Will you sell a dozen papers each week?

week?
Will you also get a friend to sell twelve papers each week?
Will you buy some extra copies to give away each week?
Will you arrange for the Woman's
Dreadnought to be placed in a library? brary

Will you put an advertisement of the Woman's Dreadnought in some

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Will you pay a newsagent to display a Woman's Dreadnought poster?
(This costs £1 to £1 10s.a year, as a rule, but friendly newsagents sometimes agree to do it free.)
Will you get twelve newsagents to stock our paper? Or if you can't do more, try to succeed with one.
Will you sell the Woman's Dreadnought at every Suffrage meeting in your neighbourhood?
Will you sell our paper at every other meeting in your neighbourhood?
Will you display a Woman's Dreadnought poster each week in your window, or in some other prominent

window, or in some other prominent

place?
Will you tell your fellow workers or
the members of any society to
which you may belong about our
paper?
Will you decide that all the presents

that you make in 1915 shall be subscriptions to the Woman's Dreadnought?

f you have forgotten to send a card to anyone, send a "Dreadnought!" Our paper is always in season!!

## OUR COST-PRICE RESTAURANTS

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The Restaurants at 400 Old Ford
Road, Bow, and 20 Railway Street,
Poplar, and the soup centre at 53
St. Leonard Street, Bromley, are
proving a great success, and are
much appreciated in the districts
which they serve. The 2d. charged
for a two-course meal (children 1d.)
covers the cost of the food, but not
that of fuel and service. Financial
support is, therefore, needed for this
branch of our work, which assists
without "pauperising" those who
have been hard hit by the War.
Gifts of vegetables are also much
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Miss Lagsding has now undertaken the management of the Railway Street Restaurant, which she is running most successfully.

Who will pay to put us in tele-phonic communication with our factory P

### In Memoriam.

MISS FLORENCE CANNING.

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We regret to announce that Miss Florence Canning, who was an early member of the W.S.P.U., and often spoke for the E.L.F.S., died on Christmas Eve. To the last she worked devotedly for our cause, and from her bed, shortly before her death, she sold £2.12s. 8d. worth of E.L.F.S. toys. E.L.F.S. members and friends tender their deep sympathy to her mother and sister in their great loss.

We need cakes, toys and garments for these as well as for Bow.

## MOTHERS AND BABIES.

We lend necessitous mothers outfits for their babies, for the first months.

FOR BABY.

Four gowns, four barrows, two flannel bands, twelve napkins, three vests and a cot blanket.

cot blanket. For Mother.

Two nightgowns, a woollen shawl, three towels, two sheets and one pair pilloweases. Our milk bill increases weekly. We urgently need subscriptions towards it; also gifts of:—

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EGGS.

For invalids and babies who are too ill to digest milk, and are given the white of egg beaten up in water.

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ARROWROOT, BARLEY & RICE, BORACIC POWDER, BORACIC LINT, VASELINE, ZINC OINTMENT, COD LIVER OIL AND MAIT.

Dr. Jukes will attend at 400 Old Ford Rd. at 230 p.m. on Mondays beginning January 4th., and at 53 St. Leonard St. Thursdays at 2,30 beginning January 7th.

Dr. Royle attends 20 Railway St., Poplar, Monday, 3 to 5 p.m.

Will you send us some money for ne babies' milk.

### GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

Setchfield 1.6, Mrs, M E Wheldon 1.0, Mrs, Weir 1.0, A Well-Wisher (Kidderminster) 1.0, Miss Heyser 0.6.
Collected:—Miss Mannicomb 7.1\(^2\), Mrs, McCheyne 6.6, Miss Sharp 6.0, Miss Hetty Watts 5.2\(^1\), Mrs, Wood 3.8\(^1\), Miss Fox 3.5\(^1\), Miss Mosses 3.2\(^1\).
CLOTHES.—Mrs. Nobes, Miss Henry, Mrs. Cyril Isherywood, Mrs. Ward-Higgs, Miss E Groom, Mrs. Singer, Miss Florence Landon, Mrs. Singer, Miss Florence Landon, Mrs. Singer, Miss Forence Landon, Mrs. Singer, The late Miss F M Canning, Miss James, Miss Vibert, Mrs. A W Mill, Mrs. Neal, Hampstead W.S.P.U., Cloucester High School, Miss F Agutter, Miss K Sargent, Miss Anderson, Miss Lowy, Miss-Burgess.

Burgess.
TOVS, CAKES, BTC., for Children's Party:
Miss Elsa Myers, Miss Godfrey, Mrs. Singer,
Mrs. Gilliatt, Mrs. W. Lansbury, Mrs. Crabbe
Mrs. Pascoe, Miss Steward, Mrs. and Misses
Neuss, Miss Ancie Goodson, Miss Daisy
Morley, Mrs. Rushbrook, Miss Lagsding,
Miss Lagsding's Teacher, Mrs. Foster, E.B.S.
LINSKED OIL,—Mrs. Foster.

Will friends please remember our two other Children's Parties?