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THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

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 Sylvia Pankhurst on "Women and War."
 Sunday, Jan. 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—Mrs. Bouvier.
 8 p.m.—Salmon Lane, Poplar—Mrs. Walker.
 8.30 p.m.—Leshia Rd.—Mrs. Feek.
 Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 8 p.m.—Public Meeting Poplar Town Hall—Miss S. Pankhurst, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Ayrtton Gould and others.
 Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 8 p.m.—Chrip St.—Miss Harbutt.
 Thursday, Jan. 14th, 3 p.m.—Deacon's Vestry—Members' Debate.
 8 p.m.—Knapp Rd.—Mrs. Walker.
 8 p.m.—124 Barking Rd.—Mrs. Schlette.
 8 p.m.—Women's Hall, Bow Choir Practice.
 Friday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall—Mrs. Drake.
 8 p.m.—Canning Town—Beckton Rd.—Miss Feek.
 8 p.m.—Bow Baths Public Meeting—Miss S. Pankhurst, Mrs. Scurr and others.
 Sunday, Jan. 17th, at 8 p.m.—The Women's Hall—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Drake.
FUTURE FIXTURES.
 Friday, Jan. 22nd, 8 p.m.—Brotherhood Church, Southgate Road, Kingsland, N.
 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.

In the State of Oregon where women have recently won the vote the Legislature has passed a law making it a punishable offence to employ women at wages which are "inadequate to supply the necessary cost of living and to maintain them in health."
 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.

UNFIT FOR MEN.

The *Australian Woman Voter* reports that the *Argus* accused Miss Adela Pankhurst of prurience, because, as the representative of the Women's Political Association, which watches cases for unprotected children, she remained at her post in the Bench Supreme Court during the trial of men for offences against little girls. The children were obliged to give evidence in a court of men, but, since certain men "retired from the court" overcome by the "unpalatable evidence," the *Argus* is of opinion that Miss Adela Pankhurst ought to have retired too.
 Lady James, president of the Women's Service Guild of West Australia, telegraphed to Miss Pankhurst:—"Women's Service Guild congratulates you on stand in not deserting court whilst cases against children being tried."
 The proceedings in one of the cases in question were such that the W.P.A. decided to submit a report of it to the Premier.

We urgently need more money to find work for more unemployed women.

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

children, none of whom are earning. One who is 15 has just come out of 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.

A man with a wife and six children, two of whom are earning low wages, was recommended the full scale of relief, 20s., by the Ward Committee, and, without any change having taken place in his circumstances, the relief was reduced to 17s. by the almoner at Bow Baths, on January 1st.

Another man has three children, age seven, five and two years. He was doing odd jobs and not earning



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supporting his brothers and sisters. It is obvious that the more wage-earning boys and girls there are in a family, the worse off that family is likely to be. It would be unfair to count all sons and daughters living at home as dependents, allowing them only a child's 1s. 6d. for subsistence, and deducting their wages in allotting relief; but to reckon their earnings in the total family income and to leave them out when it is a question of the number of mouths to feed is either carelessness of the grossest kind, or else incredible meanness.

A bricklayer, out of work through the War, was in the habit of earning about 30s. There are three children, two of whom used to work but have lost their work through the War. The Local Committee recommended relief, but in the meantime the husband was offered work by the Central Unemployed Body. He said he would take the work but had not yet been sent for. When the wife presented herself for relief at Bow Baths the relief was refused.

A man with a wife and four children to keep, working short time through the War, and now earning only 8s., moved from one house to another in Bow. In doing so he removed from one ward to another. He had been receiving relief from the Prince of Wales's fund. He notified the change of address to his visitor on the Ward Committee, and the chairman of the Ward Committee communicated with the almoner at the Baths, in order that the relief might be given. This was done, but the next week no arrangements had been made, and although his wife, who went to the Baths for the relief, explained the whole matter to the almoner, she got nothing.

A man, now earning 17s. a week for three days' work, earned 34s. before the War. There are five

much when War broke out. He joined the army, and was invalidated 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?

Another man earned 25s. up to the declaration of War, when he lost his work. He now earns 17s. He receives 3s. 6d. on account of his son being in the army. He has a wife and four young children at school. On January 1st, at Bow Baths, he was refused any further relief, because the 3s. 6d. from his son and 17s. that he earns brings up the total income to 20s. 6d. If the 3s. 6d. that he gets from his son had been money from a friendly society it would not have been counted, and he would have got the full 20s.!

The Nation shows but scant consideration to the soldiers' parents.

MORE WANTS.

For the Poplar Women's Hall, 20 Railway Street we still need some more furniture both for the Club and for nurse's rooms. Tables, cupboards, chairs, fenders, fire irons and a couch are specially wanted. What friend will give us these?

To reach Old Ford Road take an Old Ford 'bus (No. 8), which goes via the Marble Arch, Oxford St., the Bank and Liverpool St., or book to Old Ford Station on the North London Railway.

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 over 21!

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
 AND OTHERS.

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.

SPEAKERS:

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

