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THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Saturday, Jan. 16th, 3 p.m.—Poster Parade starting from Brotherhood Church, Southgate Road, Kingsland, N.
 Sunday, Jan. 17th, 3 p.m.—Hyde Park (Marble Arch), Mrs. Bouvier, Mrs. Porch.
 8 p.m.—The Women's Hall—Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Bouvier and others.
 Monday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m.—Bow, Women's Hall.
 8 p.m.—"Peacock," Freemason's Road—Mrs. Bouvier.
 8 p.m.—Salmon Lane, Poplar—Mrs. Drake.
 8.30 p.m.—Lesbia Rd.—Mrs. Walker.
 Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 7.30 p.m.—Limehouse, Burdett Rd.—Mrs. Walker.
 8 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall—Rev. C. Isherwood.
 8 p.m.—53 St. Leonard St.—
 Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 8 p.m.—Chrip St.—Mr. J. C. Rowe, Mrs. Walker.
 Thursday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m.—Deacon's Vestry—Mrs. Walshe.
 8 p.m.—Knapp Rd.—Mr. Bark.
 8 p.m.—124 Barking Rd.—Miss Harbutt.
 8 p.m.—Women's Hall, Bow Choir Practice.
 Friday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's Hall.
 8 p.m.—Canning Town—Beckton Rd.—Mrs. Davies.
 8 p.m.—Poplar, Piggott St.—Mrs. Thompson.
 8 p.m.—Brotherhood Church, Southgate Rd, Kingsland, N.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Bouvier, John Scurr.
 Sunday, Jan. 24th, at 8 p.m.—Joint Demonstration, Trafalgar Square—(see displayed announcement).
 8 p.m.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst at Bow Baths.

FUTURE FIXTURES.

Thursday, Feb. 4th—West Hampstead Town Hall—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck (in the Chair) and others.
 Friday, Feb. 5th—Old Kent Road Baths—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.

INFLUENCE AND INEFFICIENCY.

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick, in a letter to the *Clarion*, states that whilst the British Red Cross Society had on October 19th 1,500 fully-trained nurses on its books waiting to be called up in case of need, women of influence who have had little or no training are constantly being sent to the front to nurse the wounded soldiers. She instances the daughter of Mr. T. J. Woodrow, secretary of the City of London Conservative and Unionist Association, who, after one month's training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and three weeks in the Casualty and Surgical Ward of St. Mary's, went for immediate service to France, under the direction of the British War Office; Lady Diana Manners who is going to the front after only three weeks' training; and pupils of the College of Ambulance in Vere Street, who are given three weeks' training for five guineas. Miss Brodrick points out that Dr. Albert Wilson, after spending some time at a base hospital in Dieppe, wrote to the *British Medical Journal*, asserting that "Nurses, however capable, seem unable to get work."

Miss Brodrick quotes a soldier who said: "If I had been handled by a trained nurse my poor leg would not have been in this mess. It was all along of a Red Cross Miss dragging off my trousers, instead of slitting them up."

Why should these things be?

Chiefly, we believe, because it is too commonly imagined that any work done by women is easy and unskilled, just a mere matter of pottering and patience with a little instinctive devotion and sentiment thrown in. Any woman is supposed to be able to do any kind of "woman's work," and, therefore, if she is a charming lady whom he knows, or whose father or brother is a friend of

his, the official in charge is only too ready to let her do it. Moreover, it is still widely thought that women ought to work without pay wherever possible, and though many of the nurses on the books of the Red Cross Society are, perhaps, prepared to give their services without wages, they are probably less able to pay their own expenses than the people of greater influence but less training who have gone to the front.

Public Meeting

AT

BROTHERHOOD CHURCH,

SOUTHGATE ROAD, ISLINGTON,

On Friday, January 22nd

Speakers—

SYLVIA PANKHURST,
 JOHN SCURR, MRS. WALKER,
 MRS. BOUVIER.

WAR OFFICE MORALS.

The War Office publishes a number of military books for the information of soldiers and recruits. In the Manual of Elementary Military Hygiene now in use, referring to venereal diseases, it is stated that: "These diseases cause more inefficiency from sickness than almost any other form of preventable disease." After explaining these various diseases the manual states that "the only true safeguard against venereal disease is abstention from promiscuous intercourse with women, but having regard to the method of transmission, thorough washing after connection may lessen the chance of infection. It is important that the soldier should realise the gravity of venereal disease and the necessity for early and proper treatment." This is a grossly inadequate method of dealing with this subject, especially as the majority of the soldiers in the regular army are mere boys. The War Office might well call a council of women into consultation when compiling manuals to advise on such gravely important matters.

But here is another argument for the Vote!

COMPARATIVE VALUES.

About three weeks ago three soldiers were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment for criminal assaults upon the same girl. One imagined that the authorities would justify so iniquitously light a sentence, by saying that every soldier was needed for the fighting line. The following case however, effectually disposes of such an excuse.

Albert John Daniels, a quartermaster sergeant of the Royal East Kent Yeomanry, was sentenced at Canterbury Quarter Sessions, to fifteen months' imprisonment in the second division for participation in the robbery of two hindquarters of beef, the property of his Majesty the King.

Is two hindquarters of beef, fifteen times more valuable than a girl's chastity?

SUFFRAGE IN AMERICA.

On January 13th the American House of Representatives voted on Votes for Women for the first time in its history. Until recently it was generally held that this was a question which must be left to the individual State Legislatures to decide for themselves.

But during the last two years a movement has been afoot for throwing over the present piece-meal procedure, which, owing to the fact that some States are more backward than others, and that the constitution of some States is very cumbersome, is necessarily slow.

The supporters of the proposal to enfranchise all the women of all the States by a vote of Congress had to meet the opposition both of the anti-Suffragists and the "State Rights" champions, who persistently declare that the States should decide their own franchise.

It is not surprising, therefore, that Votes for Women has failed to pass this first time, but the hostile majority is not large. The figures are as follows:—

Against Votes for Women	204
For	174

Hostile majority ... 30

We may confidently predict a victory next time. In the meantime the women are winning the Vote in State after State.

Who will give the E.L.F.S. a Piano?



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GREAT JOINT DEMONSTRATION

— IN —

TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1914.

Speakers:

SYLVIA PANKHURST, GEORGE LANSBURY,

Mrs. HUNTER, (a Soldier's wife.)

BEN TILLET, H. W. NEVINSON, Mrs. DRAKE,

Mrs. WALKER Miss NINA BOYLE

Mrs. AYRTON GOULD.

EAST LONDONERS and others.

COME to keep the Votes for Women flag flying!

COME to stand up for the Soldiers' wives and mothers

COME to protest against the regulations and punishments for women, that do not apply to men.

