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A THIS WEER S MEETINUS.

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.

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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 Woman's Hall—Rev. C.
18herwood.

8 p.m.—53 St. Leonard St.—
Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 8 p.m.—Chrisp St.—
Mr. J. C. Rowe, Mrs. Walker.

Thursday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m.—Deacon's
Vestry—Mrs. Walshe.

8 p.m.—Farsing Rd—Miss Harbutt.

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.—

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Mrs. Davies.
8 p.m.—Poplar, Piggott St.—Mrs. Thomp-

son.
p.m.—Brotherhood Church, Southgate Rd, Kingsland, N.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Bouvier, John Scurr. dday, Jan. 24th, at 8 p.m.—Joint Demonstration, Trafalgar Square—(see displayed annoncement).

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-Miss Sylvia Pankhurst at Bow

Baths.

FUTURE FIXTURES.

Thursday, Feb. 4th—West Hampstead Town
Hall—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs.
Cavendish Bentinch (in the Chair) and
others.

Friday, Feb. 5th—Old Kent Road Baths—
Miss Sylvia Pankhurst.

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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'straining 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."

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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

Public Meeting BROTHERHOOD CHURCH, SOUTHGATE ROAD, ISLINGTON,

On Friday, January 22nd

SYLVIA PANKHURST. MRS. WALKER.



With acknowledgments to MALCOLM ARBUTHNOT, 43 and 44 New Bond St., W

GREAT JOINT DEMONSTRATION

TRAFALGAR SQUARE. SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1914.

GEORGE LANSBURY, SYLVIA PANKHURST, Mrs. HUNTER, (a Soldier's wife.) BEN TILLETT, H. W. NEVINSON, Mrs. DRAKE, Miss NINA BOYLE Mrs. WALKER 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.

WAR OFFICE MORALS.

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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, it is stated that: "These 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!

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 " 204

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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DISTRICT REPORTS.

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Organiser: MISS MANICOM, 321 Roman Rd.
Will members please note that the members' meeting will be held on Monday at 8 p.m. this week and next, owing to the meetings at Bow Baths and Hackney taking place on the two following Fridays? The Savings Bank will commence on Monday, January 18th and contributions be taken and the place of the stall is still wanted on Fridays and Saturdays. Names for collecting on Milk Days are still wanted. If you have only a short time to spare, give in your name, and the time you can give, to the organiser.
Will members please make our Sunday evenings known? A good musical programme is provided from 8 to 8.30. Coffee and cakes can be obtained after the meeting at 4d, per cup and cakes 4d. each. Assistance is required for advertising the demonstration in Traflajar Square on Jan. 24th. Chalking parties will be arranged at the members' meetings on Mondays.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Jan. 9th.
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POPLAR.

THE WOMEN'S RAILWAY ST HALL, 20 RAI

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Organiser: MRS. DRAKE.
Tuesday evening meetings have been well attended by members, and we should like this attendance kept up with the addition of the unconverted. Miss S. Pankhurst's lecture on Scarboroughwas greatly appreciated. We hope to have the pleasure of Miss Pankhurst's company again in a month's time, and we must endeavour to have four times as many people present.
Anybody wishing to join the Savings Club may do so. Please apply at office for rules. Mrs. Giles has undertaken to canvass with the paper, Rowsell Street and Robsard Street regularly, and this good example please copy. Most of the members distributed papers this week, also bills for which many thanks. We still need regular helpers.

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Jalior clothes held 6.30 p.m., Monday,
Jaliory 18th, and each Monday until further
notice. Admittance by ticket on application.
Many thanks to those who have assisted
with the chidren's party.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Jan. 8—145. Mrs. Schlette, 58. Distributed—Mrs. Schlette and helpers nearly 1,000. Other distributors—Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Boswell and others. Three new members this week.

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

19 St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park.
The Secretary thanks all those who have helped to make our New Year's Social the big success it seems likely to be, and hopes it will give a big impetus to our N. London campaign.
Meeting as usual next Sunday. All members are asked to attend the Brotherhood Church on Friday, January 22nd, when Miss Sylvia Pankhurst will speak. All members are asked to relly in Trafalgar Square on Sunday, January 24th, at the great demonstration.

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Hon. Sec. – J. W. BONARIUS, 89 Wyke Ros HON. JEC.—J. W. BONARUS, OJ WYKE ROBL.
Members' meeting every Tuesday evening,
at 8 p.m., in small Women's Hall, Old Ford
Road, where Secretary would like to meet
any men who wish to join. Entrance fee
3d., contribution 1d. per week.
Look out for date of next Social in aid of
the E.L.F.S. Milk Fund which will be announced in the Dreadnought.

OUR POPLAR CHILDREN'S PARTY

Our Poplar Children's Party of about of children, held on Monday, Jan. tth, was a brilliant success. Songs and dances in costume by Miss Fox Our Poptar ca...

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511 in "My Crinoline," and Miss Kathleen

512 McDonnell's Russian and Egyptian

513 dances as well as Miss Lily

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515 dances as well as Miss Lily McDonnell's Russian and Egyptian Dances as well as Miss Lily McDonnell's singing were all received with delight by the children, and the toys, garments and cakes provided by many kind friends were very much

Our Canning Town Child-ren's Party takes place at the Public Hall, Saturday, January 23rd, at 4 p.m. Who will send TOYS and CAKES for the Children? Please address all parcels to 400 Old Ford Rd., Bow, E.

The E.L.F.S. MEMBERS' MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING takes place Saturday, January 31st, and will be held in Poplar. Further particulars

A LESSON FROM CHICAGO.

It was something over a year ago that the Women's Trade Union League of Chicago, feeling that its work would gain greatly in effectiveness if brought more immediately and concretely before the people, decided to establish a "Trade Union Centre" in the midst of one of the vast factory districts of the city in which its work lies. Chicago is so large that there was no possibility of vast factory districts of the city in which its work lies. Chicago is so large that there was no possibility of making the Centre useful to more than one locality. Some idea of the city's extent may be gained from the mention of the fact that the Centre is situated some ten miles from where the writer of this article lives, and yet neither is on the outskirts of its particular part of town. But it was felt that a grip on one section of the city would be well worth the effort, and accordingly it was decided to make a beginning on the north-west side—a district which is growing yearly in manufacturing importance. Here is the centre of the garment-making trade, and within an area of a few square miles are gathered making trade, and within an area of a few square miles are gathered hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews, Poles, Roumanians, Irish, Italian, and Americans. The first mentioned go chiefly into the garment trade, the others scatter among binderies and corset factories, hat and cap factories and embroidery shops, retail shops, glove factories and great canning establishments—besides many minor industries too numerous to be set down. At the junction of the two main shopping streets in this great hive of workers, the League rented two rooms, the one, a small room for use as a library, reading and rest room, the other, a fair-sized assembly room. The furnishing and part of the support of these were and rest room, the other, a fair-sized assembly room. The furnishing and part of the support of these were undertaken by the branch of League members in the district. Collections were taken in the shops among the already organised trades. In five and ten cent contributions, the glove workers raised enough to pay for the library table. The carpenters volunteered to give the labour of putting in the lockers in the assembly room. in the lockers in the assembly room and so in the spirit of true co-opera-tion the venture was begun.

While organisation is of course always the main work of the W.T.U.L. it never fails to recognise too the great need and value of education and recreation, and has undertaken all three as part of the program of its new Centre. The great primary task of education which confronts the workers of America, the transitions of task of education which confronts the workers of America—the teaching of the English tongue to their foreign brothers and sisters—is a vital necessity in this as in the majority of factory districts, where literally thousands of the workers do not speak nor understand English, and so are especially helplaces before the accession. nor understand Engus, especially helpless before the exploiters of labour. Coming in great their own countries ploiters of labour. Coming in great numbers from their own countries and settling in groups according to nationalities, both men and women—and married women especially—are slow to pick up the language with which they come into slight contact, and are shy of entering public evening schools in competition with younger and gentler pupils. The League provides a teacher for any group that cares to form itself, and if, as in the case of the Italians, it is the national custom not to allow the girls out at night, the teacher goes the national custom not to allow the girls out at night, the teacher goes into the home. With the lessons in English are taught the value of labouring power and collective bar-gaining, the importance of the ballot-and various aspects of citizenship, in the attempt to give a wider horizon on life. Then too, there are the more advanced classes, made up of those who know something of the more advanced classes, made up of those who know something of the language. In the way of recreation, dancing and gymnastic classes are held. Books of course are always to be had from the League library, and practically any book in any language can be secured on the request of a borrower, from the Chicago Public Library at a week's notice. Papers and magazines are also to be found in the library; which is open evenings and at the noon hour.

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the chief branches of the League's activities, and important laws in the limitation of working hours and in the matter of fire prevention have been secured by the working women of Chicago. But there is a difficulty in their enforcement, through lack of State appropriation to employ an adequate number of inspectors, and through the ignorance of those who in any circumstances are the best inspectors and the only inspectors always "on the job"—namely the workers themselves.

Therefore large numbers of leaflets, printed in English, Polish, Italian and Yiddish respectively, telling in simple language the gist of the fire laws and asking the recipient to fill in answers to fair users in the support of the su

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asking the recipient to fill in answers to fair questions concerning the condition of her shop, have been widely distributed by League members in this neighbourhood.

Thus are discovered many shops in which, contrary to law, inflammable rubbish is piled high, or where work-room doors are locked on the outside, promising unimaginable however in promising unimaginable horrors promising unimaginable horrors in case of fire. The facts are of course reported to the Fire Prevention Bureau (established in Chicago through the efforts of the W.T.U.L.) which then sends out an inspector and brings the employer to time. Incidentally the League is afforded a clue to those places where over

Incidentally the League is afforded a clue to those places where organisation might be of especial benefit. Briefly, then, this is the work of the new Trade Union Centre on the north-west side of Chicago. A sort of Labour Temple, it stands open to the workers to meet, to play, to study, to relax in. Begun by the organised workers as a means of helping their less fortunate sisters, it is for the workers as a means of helping their less fortunate sisters, it is for the originators as well, a source of pleasure and profit; and governed democratically by committees of League members representative of the different trades, it is a true ex-pression of their wants and desires. Our hope is that year by year, it may Our hope is that year by year it may become a stronger factor in the working women's battle for justice, equality, and a fuller life.

AMY WALKER FIELD.

GIFTS FROM ABROAD.

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The British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union has issued an appeal to Iriends overseas for English and Belgian women and children who are suffering through the War. The response both in money and gifts of clothing, etc., has been very generous. Contributions of money include the following:—from various friends in Canada £2 14s. od., in South Africa £32 16s. 8d., in Australia £70 13s. 6d., in New Zealand £17 15s. od., London £3 3s. od., making a grand total of £127 2s. 2d. Contributions of clothing and other gifts in kind have also come from Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. The Australia, and New Zealand. The Australia, and New Zealand. Governments, the South African Government Railways, the Union-Castle Line, the South African Boating Line, the Natal Line of Steamers and the London Agents (Van Oppen & Co., and Neale & Wilkinson) have conveyed all these goods free of charge.

Of these gifts the East London Federation of the Suffragettes has received £5 in money via Miss Hodge of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union; clothing from Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Spicer of the Swan and Roaring River Suffrage Society, Manitoba; Mrs. Cross of the Women's Reform Club, Johannesburg, South Africa; and 15 other cases of clothing from South Africa; For all kind gifts, the East London Federation tenders its grateful thanks, both to the donors from overseas, and to the organisers of the B.D.W.S.U.

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Write for a Price List of our Toys! New designs by a Belgian Artist.

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MOTHERS AND BABIES.

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

FOR BABY.
Four gowns, four barrows, two flannel ands, twelve napkins, three vests and a stable plant of the p

ot blanket.

FOR MOTHER.

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

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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ARROWROOF, BARLEY & RICE, BORACTE
OWDER, BORACIE LINT, VASELINE, ZINC
INTAKENT, COD LIVER OII, AND MALT.
Dr. Jukes will attend at yoo Old Ford Rd.
12.30 p.m. on Mondays beginning January
th., and at 53 St. Leonard St., Thursdays
12.30 beginning January 7th.
Dr. Royle attends 20 Railway St., Poplar,
Londay, 3 to 5 p.m.

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

Nurse Hebbes has prepared us a chart for infant feeding, and this is published as a free leaflet. Mothers who wish to have it can obtain it at any of our centres

CLOTHING STALLS.

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Clothing stalls, where new and second-hand clothes may be bought at very low prices, are open at 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, on Fridays and Saturdays, at 20 Railway Street, Poplar on Monday at 6 p.m., and at 53 St. Leonard Street on Fridays and Saturdays, and 14 Butcher's Road, Canning Town on Wednesday evenings. We shall be glad if friends can send us any clothes for these stalls. Boots and Shoes are very urgently needed.

All parcels should be sent to 400 Old Ford Road, E., addressed to Miss N. L. Smyth.

MORE MILK

The heavy cost of keeping up our Milk for Mothers and Babies, our Restaurants and all our other relief work, is causing us great anxiety. We are therefore arranging for two EAST LONDON RELIEF DAYS in the fact Fad on the first Settledge and East End, on the first Saturday and first Sunday in February, i.e. February

the 6th and 7th.

The following members and friends have already volunteered to help at hours and pitches given below. Other friends please promise to collect at other times and places.

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BOW DISTRICT.

SATURDAY—Miss Manicom, Captain.
Miss Hayday and Miss Leary, Bow Road
(District Railway) 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Miss
Gallop, Miss Rose Cohen and Mrs. W. Lansbury, corner of Grove Road and Roman
Road, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mrs. Clay and Mrs.
Simmonds, Hackney Station, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY—Miss Manicom, Captain.
Miss Hayday and Miss Leary, outside the
People's Palace, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mrs.
Clark, Bow Road Station, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Miss Marks, Miss Watts, Mrs. Farrall and
Miss Burgess, 3 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.

POPLAR DISTRICT.

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Miss K. Lagsding and Miss D. Morley,
outside Green's factory, 1 p.m. Miss White
and Mrs. Allen, outside Sailor's Rest, East
India Dock Road. Miss Adams, Millwall,

I p.m.
SUNDAY—Mrs. Bird, Captain.
Miss K. Lagsding and Miss D. Morley,
East India Dock Gates, morning. Miss C.
Lagsding and Miss C. Dent, outside the
Picture Palace opposite Blackwall Tunnel,
6 p.m. Mr. Drake and Mr. Waller, Mrs.
Donovan.

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WEST HAM.

SATURDAY—Mrs. Parsons, Captain.
Two friends, Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Miss Penn and Miss Greenleaf, Stratford Empire, 6 p.m. Miss Brown and Miss Tighe, Boleyn Picture Palace, 6 p.m. Mrs. Drake.
SUNDAY—Mrs. Parsons, Captain.

Miss Penn and Miss Greenleaf door to door collection. Two friends, St. Andrew's Church, morning; St. Cedd's, afternoon.
Miss Leggett, Beckton Road, corner 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mrs. Drake.

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An old lady living in Bow, who is in financial difficulties, has an old English one pound note issued by the Portsmouth, Portsea and Hampshire Bank, dated January 7th, 1810. It has been handed down as an heir-loom in her family. Enquiries should be addressed to Miss Smyth, 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

The Poplar choir will meet at 94 pper North Street on Wednesday Upper North 20th January