THE

READNOUGHT WOMAN'S

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 1914.

PRICE ONE HALFPENNY.

All donations in money or kind should be addressed to the Financial Secretary of the E.L.F.S.:— Miss N. L. Smyth, 400 Old Ford Road,

Bow, E.



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

day, Nov. 22nd, 3 p.m. Mrs. Walker. p.m.—The Women's Hall—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Walshe, Miss Phillips,

Mrs. Water.

8 p.m.—The Women's Hau
Pankhurst, Mrs. Walshe, Miss Phillips,
Mr, H. W. Nevinson
Monday, Nov. 23rd, 3 p.m.—Bow, Women's
Hall—Miss Ada Wright.
8 p.m.—Salmon Lane, Poplar—Mr. Duval.
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8 p.m.—Lesbia Rd—Mrs. M. F. Davies.
Tuesday, Nov. 24th, 2, 30 p.m.—30 Churchill
Road (indoors)—
7,30 p.m.—Limehouse—Burdett Rd—Mrs.

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Walker.
8 p.m.—Tidal Basin, 14 Butcher's Rd—
Miss Richards.

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8 p.m.—Poplar Synia Pankhurst,
Wednesdy, vv. 5th, 8 p.m.—Chrisp St.
8 p.m.—Bow, Ford Rd.—Mrs. Walker.
Thursday, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. — Deacon's
Vestry—Social,
8 p.m.—Khapp Rd.—
8 p.m.—124 Barking Road—Rev. Cyril
Isherwood.
Priday, Nov. 27th, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's
Hall—Mrs. Dove Wilcox.
8 p.m.—Poplar, Piggott Street—Mrs.
Walker.

Walker.
8 p.m.—Poplar, rigger.
Walker.
8 p.m.—Canning Town—Beckton Rd—
Miss Feek.

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.

The E.L.F.S. Annual Conference will be held on Monday, January 4th, for the re-election of officers and discussion of Federation business and public questions, etc. All Members must keep that evening free.—E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

The next General Meeting of the E.L.F.S. will be held on Nov. 27th. Important business, including a project for co-operative buying to be discussed.

East London Federation of the Suffragettes.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Upper Hall, Congregational Church, Burdett Rd ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, at 7.30 p m.

REFRESHMENTS. ADMISSION THREEPENCE. Tickets on Sale at 400 Old Ford Road; Women's Hall, Railway Street; or at Mrs. CONNELLS, 82 Turners Road, Burdett Road.

THE CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

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The E.L.F.S. is arranging three
Children's Parties in the New Year,
one to be held in Bow Baths, on
Saturday afternoon, January 2nd, one
in Poplar Town Hall, early in January
and one in Canning Town. Promises
of refreshments and presents for
the children should be sent to Miss
Mackay, 400 Old Ford Rd., Bow, E.
Miss Evelyn Sharp has promised totell
some fairy stories. Mr. Broadbear
has promised to bring his band.

Six splendid babies of record size and weight have been born to our Old Ford Rd. maternity centre during the last week. Their mothers were having dinner with us the day before they came.

EAST LONDON FEDERATION of the SUFFRAGETTES.

A PUBLIC MEETING

CAXTON HALL, WESTMINSTER,

On Friday, December 11th, at 8 p.m.

Miss SYLVIA PANKHURST, Mrs. DRAKE (CUSTOM HOUSE), Mrs. WALKER (POPLAR), Mrs. PAYNE (Bow), Mrs. MANSELL-MOULLIN.

RESERVED SEAT 2s.

SCANDALOUS INSULT TO SOLDIERS' WIVES.

Under Secretary of State, Home Office, London, S.W. Ref. 254,699/555. Whitehall, October 20th, 1914.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that the Army Council desire to have the assistance of the Police in the measures which are being taken to provide for the withholding of Separation Allowances payable to wives or dependents of soldiers in the event of serious misconduct on the part of the recipient. Copy of Memorandum which has been issued by the War Office on the subject is enclosed for your information.

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It is not intended that the power to discontinue allowances should be exercised unless it is clear that there has been grave misconduct, and it is desirable that in addition to furnishing reports on the special cases in which complaints are referred to them, the Police should, as opportunity offers, endeavour to check misconduct before it reaches a point at which it may become subject to official notice, by warning the offenders that its continuance will involve the stoppage of their allowances. If, however, such warnings are of no effect and there is good reason to believe that persons in receipt of allowances persist in misconduct such as that referred to in paragraph 1 of the War Office Memorandum, a report should be sent to the local branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association where one is in existence, or to the Local Relief Committee where the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association where one is in existence, or to the Local Relief Committee where the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association where one is in existence, or to the Local Relief Committee where the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association where one is in existence, or to the Local Relief Committee where the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association has no organisation, and other instances of persistent mischaviour such as habitual drinking, especially by persons who have children in their charge, should be similarly reported.

The Police in each area can obtain full information as to the wives and dependents of soldiers who are in receipt of Army Allowances from the above Committees, and though it is hoped that there will not be many cases in which extreme measures will be necessary, the Secretary of State is confident that Local Committees may rely upon your co-operation in their endeavour to ensure that relief shall not be continued to persons who have proved themselves unworthy to receive it.

I am, Sir,

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Your obedient servant,
(Signed) Edward Troup.

MORE ABOUT KENT'S BRUSHES.

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In the DREADNOUGHT of Oct. 31st
we published the wages of a number
of women working for Messrs. J. B.
Kent and Sons, of Victoria Park, E.,
on Army brushes. These women
were paid is. 2d. a dozen for handdrawn brushes executed in the factory, 1s. 1d. a dozen for the same
work done at home. Workers on the
machine were paid 9d. a dozen.

As a result of our exposure Kent's are now paying 1s. 6d. a dozen for hand-drawing in the factory, 1s. 4d. for the same work done at home, and for machine work 1:d. a dozen. Factory workers are not allowed now to take work home to do at night. These rates are an improvement on the old ones, but the weekly earnings of the women are still lower than they should be. At the same time many other firms are now paying less than Kent's, and these should be made to raise their rates.

WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.
CESSATION OF ARMY SEPARATION
ALLOWANCES AND OF ALLOTMENTS
OF PAY TO THE UNWORTHY.

(1) The Army Council have had under consideration the conditions under which Separation Allowances should be withheld from women who are guilty of serious misconduct, e.g., cases of immorality definitely established, conviction of criminal charges, or gross neglect of children.

(2) The Council will withhold the issue where such misconduct is clearly proved, and, as it is a matter in which the Local Relief Committees are closely interested, the Council desire to make known the procedure which they propose to follow in arriving at their decisions.

(3) In cases in which a complaint is received from the soldier or his commanding officer the report will be sent to the Police Authorities for verification. A copy will at the same time be sent to the Local Committee, but as the Police will make the necessary investigation the Committee should confine their report to the War Office to any information already in their possession. The Committee will be notified of the decision of the Council in these and in all cases.

(4) In cases in which a report of misconduct is received from a Local Committee the report will be sent to the Police for verification, unless the Police report accompanies the original communication from the Committee.

(5) In cases in which a report is first received from other sources and appears to be prima facie well founded, it will be referred for investigation to the Local Committee who should furnish a Police report with their reply.

(6) In no case would the allowance for children be stopped, though it

The Mayor of San Francisco, who was an anti-Suffragist before women got the vote, says that women voters have opposed corruption and introduced a better state of morals into

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 Saturday mornings, and at 53 St. Leonard Street on Fridays and Saturdays. We shall be glad it 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.

MOTHERS AND BABIES.

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

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With the money subscribed for finding employment, we are getting baby clothes made, and paying unemployed women for making these things. Those who would give money and materials for making baby clothes would help in one of the best possible ways. Gifts of baby clothes can be made good use of, also nightdresses, quilts, blankets and sheets for the mothers. Even old sheets can be cut up for babies' napkins.

Each baby's outfit should con-

Each baby's outfit should consist of:—
FOR BABY.

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

FOR MOTHER.

Two night gowns, 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:—

EGGS.

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

ARROWROOT, BARLEY & RICE.
BORACIC POWDER, BORACIC
LINT, VASELINE, ZINC OINTMENT & BANDAGES, COD LIVER
OIL & MALT.

The nursery at Norman House, 45 Norman Road, is now open.
The charge for a child's day in the nursery from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., including meals, is 3d.
Volunteers are needed to help in taking the babies out.

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

"COST PRICE" RESTAURANTS.

any of our centres

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Two-course meals may be bought at our "Cost Price" Restaurants by grown-ups for 2d., by children for 1d., and are given free when necessary. In the evening, soup may be bought at 1d. a pint with a piece of bread. Cups of tea may be had for one farthing.

These restaurants form an essential part of our work for nursing and expectant mothers, and are especially helpful to the little children beneath school age, who do not get school meals in this district.

We used to buy food cheaply from the National Food Fund, but now we learn that what used to be supplied to us is needed for the Belgians, and we are obliged to buy in the ordinary market.

market.
This is a serious blow to us. Who will help with gifts of meat, bread, fruit, vegetables and groceries, or with money to buy these, to keep our money to buy these, to keep our restaurants going?

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DISTRICT REPORTS.

BOW.

Organiser—Mrs. WATKINS.
321 Roman Road, Bow, E.

Help for the stall is still wanted—Fridays
6 to 8—Saturdays 11 to 1 and 3 to 6.
Definite and regular help, even if only for a
short time each week, is of much greater
value than vague promises and assistance
that cannot be depended upon. Graduation
badges are now ready for those who have
sold 1,000 papers, if they will apply. Who
will take a collecting sheet? They can be
had of Miss S. Pankhurst at 400 Old Ford
Road, or from the organiser. Please remember these regular meetings—Mondays
at 8. Dolls are being dressed at the Monday
and Friday meetings. We want more members more regularly.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Nov. 13 —
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Mrs. Knudson, 175; Mrs. Connell and
Mrs. Moore, 250; Mrs. Savoy, 250; Mrs.
Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Morris, 200; Mrs.
Clarke, 200; Mrs. Marmsworth 50; Mrs.
Pascoe, 100; Mrs. Lake, 100.

BROMLEY.

Hon. Secs: Mrs. McCheyne & Mrs. Mantle Shop and Office: St. Leonard's House, St. Leonard Street.

She hand the street. The first meeting in St. Leonard's House took place on Tuesday evening, November 17th. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was the speaker. The two rooms were crowded, nine new members were made, and there were seven volunteers for the choir which meets at 400 Old Ford Road on Thursday nights. Several of those present took Dreadnoughts to sell to their friends, and promised to chalk the Tuesday night meeting each week. It was a most enthusiastic meeting, and we expect much good work to result from the opening of the new centre.

SOUTH WEST HAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Datsy Parsons,
94 Ravenscroft Road.
Organiser: Miss Mary PHILLIPS,
tre for Tidal Basin and Custom House
14 Butchers' Road.

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The Custom House School meeting was full and enthusiastic, and the collection just covered the hire of the school. Fifty-six papers were sold. Mrs. Pullen and Master Pullen gave good help with decorated cart, in giving out bills and talking to people also given good help in keeping the room and giving out milk, and Mrs. Roper gives every Monday afternoon to canvassing, or milk distribution.

Members' Social, on Saturday, December 5th, to be run on co-operative lines—members to pay for their tickets in advance (by weekly instalments if they wish, money to be used for expenses; anyone who can, in addition, giving materials for refreshments, any money left over to be divided equally amongst those who have paid for tickets before December 5th. Tickets 6d. including refreshments. Treasurer: Miss Nicholas, 11 Royal Road, Custom House.

Dreadnoughts sold 107. Distributed by many members 600.

POPLAR.

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THE WOMEN'S HALL, 20 RAILWAY ST.
DREADNOUGHT Secretary, Mrs. BIRD,
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LIMEHOUSE.

Will members kindly make sure of Social
tickets for the 26th, this week, as there will
be a great demand for them. The Social
starts at 7.30 sharp to 10.30. We want
to hear from friends who will sell the
Dreadnought in the Limebouse district.
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not as busy and popular as ever, but
because so many other things have
taken up our space. We are glad of
gifts of all sorts of food stuffs, of
cooking utensils, and of crockery.
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OTHER EAST LONDON
SOCIETIES.
NORTH LONDON M. P. U.
Hon. Sec.: Mr. H. G. EVEREET.
19 St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park.
Very successful meeting held in Finsbury
Park last Sunday. Speaker: Mr. Franklin.
Eighteen Dreadnoughts sold. Meeting next
Sunday in Regents Park, 3 p.m. Speaker: Miss Kirbv. Members asked to rally round.
Messrs. Hamlyn, Harrison, P. A. Hawkins,
J. C. Smith and Walters have changed their
addresses. We should be glad to hear from
them.

THE MEMBERS' NEW YEAR PARTY.

PARTII.
The Members' New Year Party will be held in Bow Baths, on the evening of January 2nd. Volunteers for the entertainment and promises of contributions towards the refreshments should write to Miss Smyth, 400 Old Ford Road, Bow, E.

The Members' monthly gathering will be held as usual on the last Saturday in the month. The Walthamstow William Morris Hall Band of men and women players have kindly promised to give their services. Volunteers for the November concert should write to Miss Murray-Clark, at 400 Old Ford Rd., Bow, E. Friends who will help to provide refreshments should write to Mrs. McCheyne, 55 Fairfield Road, Bow, E.

PRICES FROM OUR FACTORY.

Pigs					6d.
Brown, Blu	1e	and	Gre	en	
Birds					8d.
Robins					
Dogs					
Poodles				1s.	
Elephants				1s.	
Kingfishers		***		1s.	6d.
Boy Scouts					6d.
Girl Scouts				1s.	6d.
Fairies				1s.	6d.
Squirrels				1s.	6d.
Squirrels "British Baby	"	Dolls.			
Life Size			5s.	6d. e:	ach.
Smaller size			3s.	6d.	
"Jap" Baby	Dol	Is.			
Life size 7s. 6d. each.					
Smaller size			3s.	6d.	,,
English Wax-headed Dolls					
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Dolls' Furniture.					
Large (velve	et)			2s.	6d.
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Small (velve	et)				6d.
" (cloth	1)			1s.	0d.
" (cloth) 1s. 0d. Engines (wooden). From 2d. each.					
Wooden Horses. From 2d. each.					
Wheelbarrows. From 1s. 6d. each.					
GARMENTS.					

Blue Woolsey Frocks (children) ... 3s. Coats, lined ... 6s. Children's Grey Coats, imitation fur Ios. White ... 10s. These are both ... 7. These are both ... 7.

HOW TO HELP.

our work is paid for at a fair wage—5d. an hour or £1 a week. That is more than any shop in the kingdom can say. There are those who cannot afford to spend much money on toys. Then what about boots? You must have boots and you can get them from us. Our leather is as good as our rates of pay, there is no "brown paper padding" about either.

Many of the children round us cannot go to school for lack of boots. A good way to kill two birds with one stone is to have children's boots made in our Co-operative Boot Factory and then let us give them to needy children.

children.

We want more money for milk for our babies.—From 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d a week to pay for one baby's milk according to its age.

We need money for everything as there is bound to be considerable out-

lay before we can get any return our various industries. Those w have not much money to give of the own can take collecting sheets. Al they can pay 4s. 4d. for a year's subscription to the "Dreadnought subscription to the "Dreadnought" to be sent to those who can afford to help when once they know about our work. Also there is paper-selling. You can make yourself responsible for six—or a dozen—or two dozen papers every week, and by selling them spread the knowledge of our work and our needs.

A SOLDIER'S LETTER.

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Dear Mother and Father,

I received the parcel alright. I was sorry to hear Dad is not doing much work. You ask me to send you the 3s. through the Paymaster. I am afraid you don't know how quick they work in the Pay Office. I applied for a form two weeks ago, and yesterday the Pay Sergeant sent for me and told me to go down the line as far as — and find out how many men wanted forms. We had 70 in our Company, and I sent the numbers on to our Paymaster at —. They have to wait now till all the Companies send in their numbers and then they will send off the forms. By the time they are filled in and sent back I expect it will take a month, and then they will be sent to the War Office for their examination, and in a few days you will get the money, probably with arrears, which they will stop out of our money. But in the meantime I will send you the 3s., because I know you will have to wait a long time before the War Office moves.

The town is placarded in every moves

moves.

The town is placarded in every street with the forms showing what you get if you allow the Pay Sergeant to stop so much. Our boys are so disgusted continually asking for forms that they have thrown mud at the retires.

In our Company the Pay Sergeant pays out, but I have to get all the forms out and de most of the work for him, because I have been recommended by our officers for Pay Sergeant if the Batt. goes abroad. I hope they will keep their word.

I will try to get the forms up as quickly as I can, and I will tell you what to do to claim the most money. Thank you very much for the cake, and please send another as soon as possible, as we don't get much food on the railway, although at times we get plenty from the people about here. I must now close with best love to all at home. Your loving son—

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Mr. —, of Bow, is an old soldier. He was a member of the National Reserve, and was called up on the 4th of October. Two weeks afterwards on the 18th of October he had only received 5s. as a loan from the Colour-sergeant. Yet he has a wife and five children at home. The youngest is only eleven months old, and is very poorly. The wife, too, (who can wonder?) is far from well. Mr.—has been put with others to guard Wapping Tunnel, and is obliged to provide his own food. He is in hopes of getting a first instalment of pay on the 22nd, but meanwhile the wife and children were left with literally nothing to eat. We telephoned to the Local S.S.F.A., and found that their office was closed on Wednesdays, so we felt very glad

that we were able to help on our own account. Mr. — told us that he is on duty eight hours out of the 24, and that he and his companions lie on the floor of the Ladies' Waiting Room in the station. They do not sleep much for they may not take even their belts off, and the officers keep coming round. Their clothes are being served out to them in instalments, and Mr. showed us some of the War Office garments which were marked "made in Germany."

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Mrs. C., of Bethnal Green, has three children aged 3, 2, and 3 months. Her rent is 4s. 6d., she is not legally married. Her husband tells her that he has allotted her 9s. a week; the allotment has not yet reached her. All she has had since August 15th is 39s. 9d. from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, which came in three weekly instalments. She has pawned all the furniture that she has, and was in desperate plight when we heard of her. On November 6th she heard from her husband that he was wounded and in hospital. Should he die before the allotment question is settled she will get no pension.

Mrs. —, of Bromley-by-Bow, hastwo little children. Her husband was a casual labourer at the gas works, and went to the War in August. He was mortally wounded in the battle of Mons. Before her husband's death on Sept. 26th, she received £2 11s. 9d, one month's pay. Since then she has had 10s. 3d., 9s. 2d., and now gets 8s. a week.

A CORRECTION.

To any of our readers who take a paper called Home Notes we wish to state that a woman with a camera came round to our restaurant at Old Ford Road, about two months ago, and asked leave to take a photograph. We know that the Press photographer has to earn a living like other people, and many Press representatives have been very helpful to our work. The lady who was in charge at the time. The photographer asked two little boys who had paid for their dinner at the varied to be photographed, and they obliged her by doing so. Their photographs have now appeared in Home Notes, and around them is written a nasty little story saying that they beg for their meals though they are not in want, and that their mother is an idler.

The truth is that the mother is a very hard working woman who takes in sewing to do at home to eke out her husband's very scanty earnings. When she sent the leder children the pennies to buy their dinner at the Suffragettes' Restaurant in order that she might not have to leave the haby's side to cook their dinner. This poor lady is very much distressed by the story that has appeared, for though her name is not Tims, like the mother in the school where her boys go have recognized her children, and some of them have though that the story might be true. We wrote to Home Notes making a very serious complaint, and are glad to say that the lady whose children's photographs were unisused has been compensated by the Editor.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED.