WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT

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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.

Sunday, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m.—Victoria Park— Miss M. Wright, Miss Phillips. 8 p.m.—The Women's Hall—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Alison Neilans, Mrs. Drake.

8 p.m.—Canning Town—Beckton Rd—Miss Harbutt.

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.

East London Federation of the Suffragettes.

LIMEHOUSE BRANCH.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Upper Hall, Congregational Church, Burdett Rd
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th, at 7.30 p.m.
REFESIMENTS.
TECKES on Sale at 400 Old Ford Road; Women's Hall,
Railway Street; or at Mrs. CONNELLS. 82 Turners Road,
Bordett Roads.

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.

THE CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

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The E.L.F.S. is arranging two Children's Parties in the New Year, one to be held in Bow Baths, on Saturday, January 2nd, and one in Poplar Town Hall, early in January. Promises of refreshments and presents for the children should be sent to Miss Mackay, 400 Old Ford Rd., Row. F.

THE MEMBERS' NEW YEAR

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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 Food Road, Bow. F. Ford Road, Bow, E.

The Members' monthly gathering will be held as usual on the last Saturday in the month. Volunteers for the November concert should write to Miss N. L. Smyth, at 400 Old Ford Rd., Bow, E. Friends who will help to provide refreshments should write to Mrs. McCheyne, 55 Fairfield Rd., Bow, E.

Christmas Puddings can be ordered at 8d. and 1s. per lb. from Miss Morgan Brown at 400 Old Ford Road, or Mrs. Richmond, 20 Railway Street, Poplar. East London friends may pay for these in weekly instalments, if they wish.

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 2c 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.

The East London Federation undertakes the making of women's and children's underclothing, dresses,

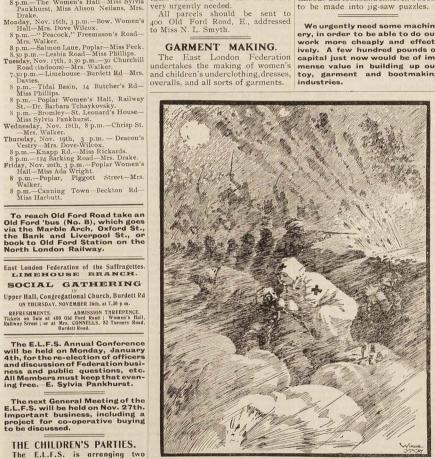
OUR TOY FACTORY.

The East London Federation has started a toy factory which will be run on co-operative lines as soon as it is self supporting.

Our toys are on show at 400 Old Ford Road,

Mr. Walter Crane has kindly sent some prints of his drawings for Labour Cartoonsand children's books to be made into jig-saw puzzles.

We urgently need some machin-ery, in order to be able to do our work more cheaply and effect-ively. A few hundred pounds of capital just now would be of im-mense value in building up our toy, garment and bootmaking industries.



DOES SHE DESERVE THE VOTE P

BABIES' OUTFITS.

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

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 consist of:-

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 pillowcases.

MOTHERS AND BABIES.

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.

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 OINT-MENT & BANDAGES, COD LIVER OIL & MALT.

THE NURSERY.

The nursery at Norman House, Norman Road, is now open. 45

The charge for a child's day in the nursery from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., including meals, is 3d.

VIDA GOLDSTEIN'S CONTEST FOR AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

WOMAN VOTER CENSORED.

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WOMAN VOTER CENSORED.

Miss Vida Goldstein, of the Women's Political Association of Australia, has just fought her fourth election contest for the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia. In 1903 she sat as a candidate for the Senate, polling 51,497 votes in the whole state of Victoria. In 1910 she again sat for the Senate and polled 53,683 votes. Finding that as a non-party candidate she was heavily handicapped, she decided to fight her third contest for the House of Representatives, which corresponds to our House of Commons, instead of the Senate, which corresponds to our House of Lords, in order that she might have a smaller constituency. She selected the constituency of Kooyong, because, although it was considered the most re-actionary constituency in Victoria, she had polled a larger number of votes there in 1910 than in any other place; also, because, there were more women than men in Kooyong. In 1913 she polled 11,540 votes in Kooyong, as against 18,777 votes recorded for Sir Robert Best, thusion, 18,545; Vida Goldstein, non-party, 10,264; Edward Terry, independent, 2,420; spoilt voting papers, 636; majority for Sir Robert Best, 5,861. Miss Goldstein has had to fight a three-cornered contest and the result is as follows: Sir Robert Best, 5,861. Miss Goldstein has thus polled a smaller number of votes than in the last election, the reasons given being that Mr.2 Terry, as a democratic candidate, drew more votes from her than he did from Sir Robert Best; bescuese of the unfair disfranchisement of a large number of working women and men; and because of the Women's Political Association's campaign, in which Miss Goldstein took a leading part, against compulsory military training and war.

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PRICE LIST OF OUR TOYS.

Pigs	6d.
Pigs Brown, Blue and	Green
Birds	8d.
Robins	8d.
Dogs	8d.
Poodles	1s. 0d.
Elephants	1s. 0d.
Kingfishers	1s. 6d.
Boy Scouts	1s. 6d.
Girl Scouts	1s. 6d.
Fairies	1s. 6d.
Squirrels	1s. 6d.
"British Baby" Dolls.	
Life Size	5s. 6d. each.
Smaller size	3s. 6d. "
"Jap" Baby Dolls.	Transfer "
Life size	7s. 6d. each.
Smaller size	3s. 6d. "
English Wax-headed Doll	ls
IO (Ready soon).	4s. 0d. each.
English China - headed	
Dolls	5s. 0d. each.
Dolls' Furniture.	
Large (velvet)	2s. 6d.
" (cloth)	
Small (velvet)	1s. 6d.
" (cloth)	1s. 0d.
Engines (wooden). Fro	om 2d. each.
Wooden Horses. OFrom	2d. each.

Volunteers are needed to help in Wooden Horses. ○ From 2d. each. taking the babies out. Wheelbarrows. ○ From 1s. 6d. each.

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DISTRICT REPORTS.

BOW AND BROMLEY.

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Organisty—Mrs. Watkins.

321 Roman Road, Bow, E.

Who will help with the stall on Saturdays from 3 to 6? Won't some one take a collecting box once a week outside a Railway Station or Theatre queed for the children's party.

With on much work being done by our red with on there is naturally always a strate of funds, for expenses grow welling the Dreadnought so that it can be self-supporting, and collectors with boxes to take a stand either Sundays or week-reenings wherever there might be a crowd.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Nov. 7:—
Bow and Bronley 358.

Mrs. Payne, 75.

Mrs. Watkins, 69.

Mrs. Knutson.

Mrs. Knudson, 175; Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Moore, 250; Mrs. Savoy, 250; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Morris, 200; Mrs. Clarke, 200; Mrs. Mantle, 200; Mrs. Pascoe, 100; Mrs. Lake, 100.

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READNOUGHT Secretary, Mrs. Bird,
20 Railway Street.

Distress Secretary, Mrs. Drake. DREADNOUG

Distress Secretary, Mrs. DRAKE.
Good meetings have been held this week.
Many thanks to Mrs. Walker for taking
meeting on Tuesday evening. I am sure it
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connection with the children's party at
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The stall was started again in Chris St., on Friday and Saturday last, and proved very satisfactory -21 and 34 Dreadnoughts being sold. Members, please rally 101 Dreadnoughts sold weeks.

ound and help.
01 Dreadnoughts sold weekending Nov. 6,
Irs. Schlette, 71; in office, 30. Distriuted—Mrs. Schlette and helper 700, Mrs.
leuss 150, Mrs. Govins 100, Mrs.
Bertram 150, Mrs. Garland 200.

SOUTH WEST HAM

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Daisy Parsons,
94 Ravenscroft Road.
Organiser: Miss Mary PHILIPS,
Centre for Tidal Basin and Custom House
14 Butchers' Road.

Centre for Tidal Basin and Custom House—
The efforts of members this week are being concentrated on working up the Custom House School Meeting, which take place to-night (Friday). It is Miss Panshurst's first visit to the district, and we want to give her a warm welcome. All have worked well. The expense of handbills has been saved by everybody setting to work to type, jelly, and cyclostyle notices. Miss Ganty has done over 600, Miss Grimes 500, and others have also helped.

In connection with Distress work, it is felt that pressure ought to be brought to bear on the Distress Committee to make them deal more effectively with the unemployment amongst women. Members are asked to bring particulars of any cases that come to their notice to the Organiser, also cases of sweating by Government contractors.

Dreadnoughts sold last week, 134.

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istributed—Mrs. Brown, Miss Penn, Mrs.
reenleaf, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Savill, Mrs.
Stephens, Mrs. Parsons, 500.

HACKNEY.

Secretary—Miss Young, Greenwood Road, Dalston, N

100 Greenwood Road, Dalston, N.E. Thanks to Mrs. Drake for speaking at Lesbia Road, and to Mrs. Schlette for taking the chair last Monday evening. Will Members note—Open-air meetings start at 8 o'clock instead of 8.30. Indoor meetings held every Tuesday, at 30 Churchill Rd., at 3 o'clock for women only. Many thanks to Mrs. Walsh for taking the meetings. Will Members kindly make this meeting known to their friends.

LIMEHOUSE.

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Open-air meetings held corner of Courts
Rd., Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Indoor
meetings are held every Thursday afternoon at 2.30 in the Deacon's Vestry, Congregational Church, Burdett Rd. A Social
will be held in the Upper Hall, Congregational Church, on Thursday, Nov. 26th,
at 7.30 p.m., admission 3d. Members are
asked to help to make this a success. Tickets
on sale at 400 Old Ford Rd., or Women's
Hall, Railway St., Poplar, or from Mrs.
Connell, 82 Turners Rd., Burdett Rd.

Hall, Kailway St., Poplar, or from Mrs. Connell, 82 Turners Rd., Burdett Rd.

OTHER EAST LONDON

SOCIETIES.

NORTH LONDON M. P. U.

Hon, Ser. Mr. H. G. Everrett.

19 St. Thomas Road, Finsbury Park.

A very enthusiastic member's meeting was held on Friday, November 6th. The following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That this, the North London Branch of the M. P. U., calls upon the Government, as an act of supreme justice and necessity, immediately and without discussion to pass into law a measure enfranchising women on the same terms as men, in the same way that they have passed many war emergency measures." Many thanks are due to Miss Kirby for so kindly speaking for us on Sunday. Meeting next Sunday in Finsbury Park at 3.30 p.m. Gratefully acknowledged, Mr. Franklin 1s., Mr. Hersey 1s.

MORE ABOUT THE QUEEN'S WORKROOMS.

WORKROOMS.

Employment may not be given to be the work out, however much they need it. The weekly earnings must not exceed 10s. a week, "on the other hand" says the latest official circular, "in some cases it may be desirable to keep the weekly wage below 10s." We wonder how any sane human being can think that it is ever "desirable" to pay any adult woman less than 10s. a week!

Girls between 16 and 18 are to be employed at 1s. a day of 6 hours—ad. an hour! If these girls are already skilled workers and have earned more than 3d. an hour, it is graciously permitted that they may be paid 3d. an hour but not more! This is indeed bolstering up the sweating system with a will! Forewomen of grades 1, 2, and 3, who are to be paid 32s., 28s., and 25s. respectively. Assistant forewomen of grades 1, 2, and 3, are to get 2, and 3, who are to be pane 3...
and 25s. respectively. Assistant forewomen of grades 1, 2, and 3, are to get
22s., 20s., and 18s. a week. We are
not told what principle is to determine
the grading—perhaps that is a secret.
Forewomen and assistant forewomen
are to be chosen who have had exare to be chosen who have had ex-perience of controlling women and girls. They are each to have charge

of 40 or 50 workers.

The organisation and management The organisation and management of the workrooms is to be "vested in a woman's employment sub-committee of the Local Representative Committee which must be appointed by and be responsible to the Local Representative Committee." It must not be called the called the state of the called t committee." It must not be called ogether solely by the Mayor or Mayoress, as was done in Poplar. Representatives of various bodies concerned in the prevention or relief of distress should be included on the sub-committee."

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"The Queen's fund Committees, often known in towns as Mayoresses' Committees are appointed for the sole purpose of collecting funds. It is not their duty in addition to devise or bring into operation schemes for providing employment. No doubt in many cases, some of the members of the Queen's fund Committee will also be members of the Women's sub-Committee. But the functions of the two organisations must be kept distinct."

The Mayor of Poplar should not miss this last point!

IMPORTANT.

The Morning Post states that work for 1,000 dressmakers and others has just been placed with the Central Committee for Women's Employment

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The Manchester, Salford and District Women's Trade and Labour Council have passed the following resolutions:—

"That this Council protest against the wage of 3d. an hour, or 10s. a week, as a maximum wage for women working in workrooms in connection with Queen Mary's Fund. This wage is below the minimum fixed by the Trade Board in the clothing trade, and is not only far below the amount earned by a skilled operative in any trade whatsoever, but it is less than the market rate for the ordinary worker in the tailoring and shirtmaking trades.

"They view the fixing of this very low maximum as an industrial disaster for women, as the money standard crystallised by the workshops under the National Fund is bound to have its effect on the rates given by private emplayers

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employers.

"Ten shillings a week cannot be considered a living wage, and the Council desire to point out that other Societies engaged in relief work are paying better rates. For example, in one case 4d. an hour is being given, and in another 10s. has been made the minimum, the maximum in this

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recems disastrous that the wages should un-"It seems disastrous that the wages under the National Fund should undercut, not only the ordinary rates of private employers, but the wages given by private Committees engaged in the same kind of relief work."

"That this Council views with dismay the proposed revival of the Contagious Diseases Act in Plymouth. They protest against any attempt to

bring back either these Acts or the principle underlying them into this country, either by Act of Parliament or Administrative Order, as they have been proved to be as futile for the protection of men against disease, as they are outrageous to the liberty and ordinary human rights of women."

EVA GORE BOOTH, Secs.

A MAXIMUM WAGE OF 7s. A WEEK IN WEST HAM.

To the Editor of the Woman's Dreadnought

A WEEK IN WEST HAM.

To the Editor of the
WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT.

It is claimed by the West Ham Distress Committee that there is less unemployment than usual amongst men owing to the large number who have enlisted. Actual racent figures seem unobtainable, but from last year's report it would appear that out of 2,999 men applying, work was found for only 1,029. The usual complement of about 60 men are at the Farm Colony at South Ockendon. This Colony was started under the Unemployed Workmen's Act (1905), and s subsidised by grants from the Local Government Board. The same applies to the relief work at Wanstead Flats, which is carried on during each winter, and at which there are now about 150 men. Ten shillings weekly is allowed to wives of men at the Farm Colony, 125. for wife and one child, and 135. 6d.—a munifecent maximum—for wife with two or any greater number of children up to the age of 15. Labourers on the Flats live at home, and are paid 6d. an hour.

For women, the workroom run every winter by the Canning Tow Women's Settlement, and previously subsidised by the Distress Committee is this year subsidised through that body by a grant from the Prince of Wales's fund. Out of 165 applicants, 38 were given work there last year. There are now about 50. An additional workroom is also opened for North West Ham. To this grant is applied the condition that no girl under 18 must be employed—a condition against which the Distress Committee has unavailingly protested. Threepence an hour is paid in these workrooms, but the hours are limited to 5 per day, so that the most a worker can earn is 75. 6d. per week!

The National Relief Fund refers civil cases to the Distress Committee for investigation, but the rule that doles are given only to those in want directly through the war is rigidly enforced, though not with the good-will of the Distress Committee.

MARY PHILLIPS.

A visitor to one of the Queen's workrooms in Birkenhead, has recorded that. "The walls and of the proper of the condition of the proper of the conditio

A visitor to one of the Queen's workrooms in Birkenhead, has reported that: "The walls are softly tinted with blue, while bowls of roses supply bright colour and fragrance. Above all, the workers look happy in their industry." industry

Happy on a maximum wage of 10s.

A working woman says: I suppose they think the roses'll feed 'em!"

HARDLY WORTH WHILE APPLYING.

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Some interesting figures have come to hand relating to the men and women who have applied for work to the Central (Unemployed) Body between July 1st and November 7th this year. They lead one to believe that the rules of that Body are framed with the intention of excluding as many people as possible from benefting under the Act of Parliament which established it.

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Of 357 male applicants, 52 (i.e. 14½ per cent.) have been provided with work. Of the remainder 211 cases were not even considered by the Central Body. The analysis of these cases indicates some of the reasons for rejection: 20 had a "weak work record," in seven cases there was an "unsatisfactory reply from past employers" (who may have had a private grudge to satisfy), four are their "own masters" (why this is a disqualification it is hard to imagine, unless it be that the presumption of a working man's setting up for himself deserves punishment), six

the Central Body for consideration. the Central Body for consideration, besides the 52 who have been given work, 20 found work for themselves. 26 are "waiting offer of work" (and presumably starving in the meanitime), 24 are "waiting the decision of the Central Body," and four have been "rejected." The majority of been "rejected." The majority of the applicants were married men or ers-only 18 were single.

widowers—only 18 were single.

Of the women, on the other hand, more than half are single. The total number of applicants for the same period was 311—184 single, 93 widows, 34 married women. Only 71 were recommended for the consideration of the Central Committee, and of these 30 (i.e., less than ten per cent. of the total applicants) have been given work. Fortunately 81 have found work for themselves, but this only brings up themselves, but this only brings up the number of those working to 111, the number of those working to 111, and the reasons for the non-employment of the other 200 are thoroughly unsatisfactory. 23 are marked "unsuitable," and as the "unfit owing to illness" are in another section, we conclude that the 23 have failed in some other way to come up to the standard of "suitability" fixed by men for women who are asking, not charity, but to be allowed to earn their own "suitability" fixed by men for women who are asking, not charity, but to be allowed to earn their own living, eight are "out of work through own fault" (we wonder if this includes women who refuse to work for a sweated wage, or those who throw up their work on account who throw up their work on account of the insults of male overlookers), eight are "married with able-bodied husbands," two are "unsatisfactory," two "refused to answer questions," and one "would not allow inspection," 23 are "awaiting references from past employers."

What a shameful mockery of cruel mismanagement this is!

A DEFENCE OF MILITANCY.

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"The free and full self-development which—to ourselves—is the well-spring and life-breath of national existence, that free self-development is the one capital offence in the cole of those who have made force their supreme divinity, and upon its altars they are prepared to sacrifice both the gathered fruits and the potential germs of the unfettered human spirit. I use this language advisedly.

This is not merely a material, it is also a spiritual conflict. Upon its issue everything that contains the promise of hope, that leads to emancipation and a fuller liberty for the millions who make up the mass of mankind, will be found sooner or later to depend."

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This is not an extract from a Suffrage speech, it is Mr. Asquith at the Guildhall in September of this year. Why can he understand in a European conflict a motive to which he is deaf when it explains the fight of women for the vote?

OUR CO-OPERATIVE BOOT FACTORY.

We have already received quite a number of orders for our co-operative number of orders for our co-operative boot factory. The workers will be paid, the men the usual frade union rate and the women, either the recognised rate for the work they are usually engaged in, or, if the usual rate does not reach this standard, 5d. an hour or £1 a week. They will also share out the additional profits of the the distormants.

also share out the additional profits at stated intervals.

We can thoroughly recommend the boots which will be made at our co-operative factory. Mr. Payne, who is our manager, has made boots and shoes for many members and officials of the Federation, and these have always beaten the record for wear and comfort. Price list to suit all buyers on application. We make hand-sewn and hand sew-round boots and shoes, special "Sanitary" boots and shoes, and "Natural" shoes for children, aswell as boots and shoes of all the cheaper kinds. of all the cheaper kinds.

20 had a "weak work record," in seven cases there was an "unsatisfactory reply from past employers" (who may have had a private grudge to satisfy), four are their "own masters "(why this is a disqualification it is hard to imagine, unless it be that the presumption of a working man's setting up for himself deserves punishment), six are "unfit," 49 found work for themselves after registering.

Of the 146 who were sent on to describe the charge in the charge in