WOMAN'S

DREADNOUGHT

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Important General Meeting E.L.F.S., Friday, Octo 9th, 1914, at 8 p.m. October

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Sunday, Oct. 4th. 3 p.m.—Victoria Park—
Mrs. Bouvier, Mrs. Walker.
8p.m.—Women's Hall—Miss S. Pankhurst
Miss Nina Boyle.
Monday, Oct. 5th, 3 p.m.—Bow, Women's
Hall. Lachia Pood.—Miss Feel-

Hall.

8 p.m.—Lesbia Road—Miss Feek.

8 p.m.—' Peacock," Freemason's Road—Mrs. Davies.

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 2:30 p.m.—30 Churchill Road indoors)—Miss Hockin.

8 p.m.—Poplar, Women's Hall, 20 Railway Street—Miss M. Phillips.

7:30 p.m.—Limehouse, Burdett Road—Mr. S. Franklin, Mrs. Walker.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 8 p.m.—Poplar, East India Dock Gates—Mr. J. C. Rose, Miss Rickards.

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mina Dock Jackes—Mr. J. C. Rose, and S. Rickards. Saches—Mrs. Walker.
Thursday, Oct. 6th, 3 p.m.—Deacon's Vestry—Mrs. Walker.
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Brun.—Lead Barking Rd.—Miss Fedden.
Friday, Oct. 9th, 3 p.m.—Poplar Women's
Hall—Mrs. Drake.
8 p.m.—Canning Town, Beckton Road—
Miss Somers.
8 p.m.—Poplar, Piggott St.—Mrs. Walker.

CLOTHING STALLS.

We are starting clothing stalls at our centres, where those who care to pay a little for new or second-hand clothes can buy. Boots and shoes are very urgently needed.

OUR MOTHER AND BABY CENTRES.

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The number of expectant and nursing mothers, babies and invalids to whom milk is given is growing rapidly, in spite of the fact that we help only the more urgent cases. We greatly need gifts of— EGGS.

ARROWROOT, BARLEY & RICE. VASELINE, ZINC BORACIC BORACIC MENT and BANDAGES.

A LIVING WAGE FOR WOMEN

Dear Friends,—When war started Parliament voted a War Loan of £100,000,000, and it was promised that some of this should go towards the relief of distress caused by the

war.
Later, the Prince of Wales' Fund was started, and has reached more than £3,000,000. We understand that was started, and has reached more than £3.000,000. We understand that one-sixth of this money has been advanced to the wives and families osldiers and sailors, but what the soldiers and sailors families have had was in any case due to them from the War Office, and should be repaid by the War Office to the Prince of Wales'

The Government knows that if men The Government knows that if men are too long kept out of work there will be trouble, and it is right that there should be trouble. Therefore they have passed an Emergency Housing Act to provide £4,000,000 in order that Local Authorities may em-

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employment by the War, and the Labour Exchange figures prove conclusively that this is the case, although for a variety of reasons many unemployed women do not register at Labour Exchanges.

But what is being done for the women? A beggarly £60,000 has been collected by the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund, and because only this small sum has been collected, it is said that women must be content to work for a maximum wage of 10s. a week. People are saying that women must be content with these shameful doles because there is no more money to pay with. There is plenty more in the country, and it is the duty of the Government to come to the women's aid. Many organisations that for years have been preaching the need for paying higher wages to women are holding their peace now, and refusing to criticise this shameful treatment of unemployed women, in the hope that the workrooms which they have opened from charitable motives may get a grant from the Queen's fund. They say: "Insi' ti better to employ ten women at a sweated wage than five at a fair wage and leave the other five to starve?" The answer is: "No: pay a fair wage to those you comply and force the Government to provide for the rest." Of course those who criticise the arrangements that have been made for unemployed women become unpopular. I, the only representative of the East London Federation of the Suffragettes on the Poplar Mayor's Committee, was the only woman on the Mayor's Committee for dealing with the local workrooms established under the Queen's Fund. This, of course, is because I and the Federation have opposed ourselves to the sweated wage of loss, but it was our duty to do it.

WORKING WOMEN.

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You will have to come out and agitate for yourselves. Do not leave it to others to do it for you!

WORKING MEN.

In hundreds of thousands of homes women will be obliged to take men's places as breadwinners for many years to come because of this War. Come forward and stand by the women now! Help them to secure a living wage!

A campaign of meetings to demand a minimum wage for women of 5d. an hour or £1 a week starts on October 13th, at Canning Town Public Hall. Be there and give it a fine send off!

Yours in freedom's cause,

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The Poplar Board of Guardians has passed the following resolution:
That this Board calls upon His Majesty's Government at once to establish a minimum wage of 12s. per week for all solders and saliors now serving with the colours, or who may enlist during the present war, from which no allotment of any kind shall be taken, together with, an adequate money albeauce for the wives, children and other and the war, all disabled and partially disabled in example of the salion of the work of the salion of the



BOOTS !

MEETING

CANNING TOWN PUBLIC HALL,

BARKING ROAD, Tuesday, October 13th,

At 8 p.m.

To demand a minimum wage for women of 5d. an hour or £1 a week.

Speakers

SYLVIA PANKHURST, GEORGE LANSBURY, Mrs. PARSONS, Mrs. DESPARD.

OUR EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

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Our women who can work, care
more for work than charitable
doles of food, and what we want
most of all is money to set them
to work to make clothes to give
away to those destitute mothers
who are unable or have too many
children to be able to do anything
beyond the unpaid labour of caring for their homes and children.
Who will pay 5/6 to make a serge

Who will pay 5/6 to make a serge dress and knickers to match for a little girl of five, and 1/11 for an overall P

Who will pay 2/- for a baby's cotton nightgown?
Who will pay 2/6 for a baby's flannel barra coat?

for other garments on Prices for application.

Materials for making up, and second-hand clothes for mending and re-making, can all be turned to account.

THE POPLAR WOMEN'S HALL.

This Hall in Rallway Street, Poplar, (close to South Bromley Station), was opened by the East London Federation of the Suffragettes on Tonday, September 28th. This will take the place of the office at 319 East India Dock Road.

The new hall is already the centre of many activities.

The restaurant presided over by Mrs. Ennis Richmond, started with 100 customers to dinner the first day.

The Mother and Baby centre is growing anace.

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A Babies' Nursery and Employment Bureau will shortly be added.

We want toys and all sorts of baby gifts.

BABIES' OUTFITS.

We wish to be able to lend ne-cessitous mothers outfits for their babies, for the first months, and to give them the first set of short baby clothes.

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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 BARY

Four gowns, three flannel barras, 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.

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The East London Federation of the Suffragettes will open another house in Bow next week, which will be used as a babies' nursery. In a factory at the rear the women will be employed in various kinds of work, and those who have young children will be able to leave them in the nursery.

ploy men in building houses. Over two and a half million pounds of this money has already been applied for, and £332,000 has been sanctioned. Grants from the Road Board have been promised, and £450,000 has actually been granted towards road improvements, valued at a million pounds; other extensive works are contemplated. The Local Government Board has also sanctioned loans to Local Authorities, of ther than Poor Law authorities, of £3,500,000 as compared with about £1,928,000 during a corresponding period of the year 1913. So you see, friends, that something is being done to provide work for men—not enough we know, and especially not enough in East London—but more must and will be done if men will continue to press for it. I am on the Mayor's Local Representative Committee for the Borough of Poplar. Only a small proportion of those who are suffering through the War have registered at the libraries, and I find that the Labour Representatives are all agreed and prepared to accept the situation, that works cannot be put in hand until more men will register.

OUR MEN FRIENDS

TO OUR MEN FRIENDS

I would say, therefore, please register for the sake of yourselves and your families, and to help us to help you more. Do not be content with the relief scale, although it is a little better than the Guardians' scale! Demand work at fair Trade Union rates, and see that you get it!

NOW AS TO THE WOMEN.

What is being done to find work

What is being done to find work for them? Everyone is agreed that more women than men are being, and will continue to be, thrown out of Address.

2-Course DINNER 2d.

From 12 to 2 p.m. The "WOMEN'S HALL." Old Ford Rd, The "WOMEN'S HALL," Railway St, Poplar

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EXILIDATION FORTILITY

WE NEED YOU!

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DISTRICT REPORTS.

BOW AND BROMLEY.

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

Good meetings have been held during the week, indoor and out. Many thanks are due to the friends who so kindly lent their aid to make the dinner and social a great success. Thanks are due also to Miss Marks and Miss Watts for taking collecting boxes to Westminster Abbey on Sunday. Sunday night's meeting in the Women's Hall, was well attended. A special appeal is made to members, now that we are so busy with the distress cases, to help all they can, by selling the paper, taking collecting boxes to all big meetings, to the theater of the are fixed by the passing. Funds are urgently needed to help us to keep our splendid organisation and to enable us to carry on still further the good work we are doing.

Dreadnoughts sold week ending Sep. 25:—
Central 348. Bow and Bromley 375.

Mrs. Knudson Distributions. McCheyne, 350; Mrs. Canles 200; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Swoy, 250; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Swoy, 250; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Morris, 200; Mrs. Carlisle, 200; Mrs. Martle, 200; Mrs. Martle, 200; Mrs. Lake, 100.

Miss Steward has undertaken to sell the Woman's Dreadnought regularly outside Charling Cross Station.

POPLAR.

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Office—319 EAST INDIA DOCK ROAD.
Organiser (pro. lem).—Mrs. DRAKE.
On Monday, Miss Buchan went to Hyde
Park and collected 9s. 2d. for the Distress
Fund. We are all pleased to velcome Mrs.
Bird back again and give many thanks to
Miss Lagsding and friends for their kind
assistance while she has been away in connection with papers. Good meeting on
Tuesday at Dock Gates—Mrs. Walker and
Mrs. Schlette, speakers. Good meeting on
Wednessed with the she was a series of the she door meeting on Wednesday. We are glad
to welcome back members who have been
away through till heath—Mrs. Organ and
Mrs. Neuss—hope they will be able to come
more often now, and that they bring some
friends with them. Afternoon meeting on
Thursday was also a good one—Mrs. Bouvier
speaker. In the evening our paper-sellers
attended Mrs. Pankhurst's Meeting at Kingsway and sold 198 papers. Mrs. Walker took
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East India Dock Road. Dinners, price 2d.
(children 1d.) from 12 noon to 2 p.m. In
the evening, 6 to 7 (Saturdays 5 to 6 p.m.)
soup will be served at 1d. a pint. Any
friends who would like to try dinners for
themselves will be welcome.

338 Dreadmonghts sold week ending Sep. 26

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Distributed—Miss P. Lagsding and Miss T. Barker 200, Mrs. Churcher 300. Miss Daisy Morley also took collecting box and collected 4s. 4\pm d.

SOUTH WEST HAM Sec.—MRS. DAISY PAR 94 Ravenscroft Road.

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Thursday meetings are, as usual, again at 124 Barking Road at 8 p.m. Mrs. Walker spoke to a large crowd at the "Peacock" on Monday last. Twelve Canning Town members went to the Women's Hall on Saturday, some of them for the first time. Miss Ethel Stephens is thanked for contributing to the programme. Do not forget the Canning Town Public Hall meeting early in October. We have a reputation to keep up. Names of stewards, collectors and paper-sellers, etc. wanted. Either give your names to Miss Paterson or Secretary.

203 Dreadnoughts sold week ending Sep. 23

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OTHER EAST LONDON SOCIETIES.

SOCIETIES,
R. S. P. U.

Hon. Sec.—J. W. Bonarius, 89 Wyke Road.

The members of the R.S.P.U. thank the public for their support on Saturday, Sept. 19th, to comrade Wise, at the Social run at the Women's Hall on his behalf. The R.S.P.U. meets at the Women's Hall, Bow, every Tuesday night at 8.30, all men Rebels are asked to join. Entrance fee 3d., contributions 1d. per week.

Dreadnoughts sold 24.

E. LONDON MEN'S SOCIETY FOR W.S.

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Hon. Sec.—E. A. WATSON.
317 Roman Road, Bow, E.

Will members please note that permanent offices have been secured at 317 Roman Road, Bow, E., and that all communications should be sent to the Sec, E. A. Watson, at that address. General meetings will be held there every Tuesday, when all members and suggestions for propaganda will be cordially welcomed and considered.

THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS.

War is taking its toll of women and children already.

The returns of births and deaths published weekly by the Registrar General furnish only too good evidence of this fact.

We have taken three weeks as affording a better comparison with last years figures, than the return of one week only.

The huge increase in the fatality of children's diseases is unquestionably due in large measure to the fact that they have been less well nourished

this year, owing to widespread distress and the high price of food, and consequently have been less able to withstand the ravages of disease. During these same three weeks 21 women have died in childbirth against 4 in the corresponding three weeks

last year.
We can think of no more terrible commentary on the dilatory action of those in whose hands the administration of the National Relief Fund has been placed than the foregoing

Cause.	Numbe years & un					
	Under 1 year.	1-2 years.	2-5 years.	Total children under 5 years.	der in correspond- ing three weeks of last year.	
	23	35	14	72	14	
Whooping Cough	25	15	14	54	21	
Debility (infants)	94	-	-	94	56	
Diarrhœa	794	121	25	940	*656	

* This figure (for 1913) includes all deaths from diarrhoea, not only those of children

At the Bethnal Green Coroner's Court, Dr. William John Potts, medi-cal superintendent of the Bethnal Green Infirmary said that there had Green Infirmary said that there had been a large increase in the number of infirmary patients, about 70 or 80 a week, for the past six weeks. In the large majority of cases he put this down to poverty, as owing to so many bread-winners being away at the front those left behind had suffered privation and a consequent loss of beatth. The out railer rain he beof health. The out-relief ran, he believed, to ten times what it used to be.

SOLDIERS' WIVES.

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The Board of Trade published in 1908 the results of an enquiry into the cost of living in a number of industrial centres throughtout the United Kingdom. The results of the enquiry are given in the form of "index numbers" which, taking London as 100, give the comparative level of prices and rent in other places. With this table, part of which we give below, to guide them, the War Office authorities fixed an unvarying 3s. 6d. to meet "the extra cost of living in London" for soldiers' wives, and left out of consideration the extra cost in other large towns. If rent were the only varying factor and if London women were being given an adequate allowance, the War Office would have behaved generously towards women in the Provinces. But rent is not the only varying factor and refers ward so greatly as ouslytowards women in the Provinces. But rent is not the only varying factor, and prices vary so greatly as almost to nullify the advantage of lower rents outside London. Even if the allowance in London were adequate, the women in well over 50 large towns are, on the Board of Trade's own showing, suffering a grave injustice. The following tables show (a) the comparative rates of the allowance paid to soldier's wives taking London as 100, (a) the comparative cost of living (Board of Trade figures).

	Wife v	Wife, I child. 100 SI	
London Frovinces	7		
a mark	Wife, 2 children.	Wife, 3 children.	Wife, 4 children
London Provinces	83.3	85.1	100 86.3

	B.			
Town		Rent	Prices	Rent and Prices combined.
London		100	100	100
Croydon		81	104	99
Dover		56	106	96
Plymouth & Devor	port	81	99	95
Portsmouth		57	105	95
Sheerness		59	104	95
Southampton		65	103	95
Newcastle-on-Tyn	c	76	98	94
Luton		61	101	93
Barrow-in-Furnes	s	63	99	92
Cardiff		59	99	91
Hull		48	99	89
Liverpool		65	91	86
Manchester		62	92	86
Birmingham		59	91	85

Thus a woman with two children living in Croydon gets 83.3 as compared with 100 if she lived in London (see table A).

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She pays 81/100's of a London woman's rent, but for food and fuel, etc., she pays 104/100's of London

Dr. Knox, of Bethnal Green Road, said that reduced wages, half-time, and no work had brought in their train lowered vitality through want of food, and the death-rate was bound or tood, and the death-rate was bound to go up. People preferred to suffer in silence and bear a great deal rather than parade their poverty. It was as well to know, therefore, that out-relief given by the Guardians was kept in a separate book, and would not rank as Poor Law relief, thus removing the stigms that night hus removing the stigma that might be attached to it.

prices (table B, columns I and 2). Taking into consideration her lower rent and her heavier food bill, her total cost of living proves to be 99 as compared with 100 in London (B. col. 3). But her allowance is only 83.3. We know that women in London have a hard struggle to make two ends meet. How is the poor woman in the Provinces to manage?

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

The following letter is being sent to girls who register at the Hackney Labour Exchange.

Labour Exchange.

Local Advisory Committee,
Hackney Labour Exchange,
310/312 Mare St., Hackney.
18th Sept., 1914.

My Committee have been giving careful attention as to how they can best help the girls who are out of employment during the present crisis.
We realise that it is very disheartening to come to the Labour Exchange day after day to hear the same remark "We are sorry we have nothing for you to-day." We wish to avoid this weary waiting at the Exchange and at the same time see that the girls shall be advised as soon as a suitable vacancy occurs.

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We have, therefore, arranged with the help of various ladies, to open a Club Institute where girls can find useful occupation all day in the way of classes and recreation. The classes will help you to be more efficient in your daily work. Girls who take advantage of these facilities will be given the first offer of vacancies notified. Girls will be expected to attend classes daily for three hours. You are cordially and earnestly invited to attend the Opening Meeting of the Club at the ASPLAND HALL, NEW GRAVEL, PIT CHURCH, CHATHAM PLACE, at 9.30 a.m., on Monday, 21st September, 1914, when further particulars of the scheme will be given. I much hope that there will be a hearty response to this invitation, and that each girl on our register will do all she can to make this experiment a great success.

Yours sincerely,
J. Thendodore Harris,

FROM A SOLDIER FROM BOW.

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I got down to the camp on Wednesday afternoon and they gave us some tea in basins and one pound of bread and some marmalade, then we went over to the canteen and stopped there till 9,30. for your lights have to be out at a quarter to ten. Well, for a start, you have to be up at 5,30. in the morning, have a wash and then they take you on parade and then take you two and-a-half miles away for a swim, then you have to come back to breakfast for half an hour and on parade. We had to fight for our grub the first three days for there is twelve men in one camp and you have one basin of tea between two and one pound of bread that has got to last you all day. We get cheese and sometimes some bacon for breakfast, and for dinner we get stewed mutton and stewed beef and potatoes with the skins, some is peeled! You get one dixie bull between two tents for tea. We have some jam and sometimes some salmon and tomato herrings, it runs about half of one each. The way we are served down here is rather rough. There was one man walking about the camps with a blanket round him because he had no trousers on, and there is more men nearly the same. They have got very bad clothes. Well I have been waiting for a pair of boots for a week and have not got tem yet. My boots are nearly off my feet and I have not had a clean for two weeks. You have to take your shirt off and wash it out yourself. They are getting some more shirts now, but there is not enough to go round, for there are hundreds or men waiting for them. They told us on Friday that if there is any man that can get a suit, a pair of boots, overcoat, cap, socks, knife, fork and smits how, there are hundreds or men waiting for them. They told us on Friday that if there is any man that can get a suit, a pair of boots, overcoat, cap, socks, knife, fork and spoon, they will give us ten shillings for the loan of them until they get others for us. There is not one man that has got his kit given him.

Good Luck. Give my best respects to all the members of the R.S.P.U. and tell them I hope to be up and see them before I go to France, for it will not be long before we go. Well, the sooner the best out of this for I am getting fed up with this down here and want to get out of canvas into barracks in the warm.

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To the Editor of

THE WOMAN'S DREADNOUGHT.

May we through your paper appeal for assistance for some thirty-six of our country-women and their children who are the victims of the naturalisation law which deprives a woman who marries a foreign subject of her nationality.

These Welsh women are the wives of Germans who were working in the Welsh mines, and they were born in Wales and have never been out of Wales. Owing to the war, their husbands are now prisoners in left absolutely destitute.

The administrators of the Prince of Wales' Fund have refused to assist them, on the ground that they are not British subjects, and they cannot be helped from German funds.

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We propose, therefore, to raise a special fund for their relief, and feel sure we may rely upon a generous response from those of your readers who realise what it is to these poor women to have not only their husbands torn from them, but to lose their homes and see their children starving.

The American Consult at Swansea has most kindly offered his co-operation in the distribution of the fund.

Donations will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer:—

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EDITH R. MANSELL-MOULLIN,

69 Wimpole Street, London.

HELENACERTRUDE JONES, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Hon. Treasurer of the Fund,

3 Rhodesia Avenue, Halifax, VorksSeptember 28th, 1914.

A SOLDIER'S WIFE

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A woman, who had gone to Kent to pick hop's to make a little money because she had got into debtthrough being kept waiting so long for the money to which she was entitled, on account of her husband having gone to the war, received a telegram from the War Office saying that he had been brought back from France dangerously wounded, and that he was lying in hospital at——. She had not enough money to pay her railway fare to see her husband, but managed to borrow it from friends. It is necessary that the War Office should send the railway fare, or the Government allow the woman to travel free under such circumstances.

GIVE THIS PAPER TO A FRIEND and she can to make this experiment a great success.

Yours sincerely,
J. Theodore Harris,
Secretary.

N.B.—Please bring this letter with you. If at work, please return your brown card at once.
We are told, that some girls have been told, that they will get no work through the exchange unless they attend the school. This is forcing education down the throat with a vengeance. Girls who attend the school, may miss the chance of employment through other agencies.

Surely the girls have a right to chose.