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Part of a pamphlet published by the Women's Labour League advertising a meeting in January 1909 to protest about conditions for unemployed women
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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

Study this source carefully and consider what it tells you about why people thought women should get the vote. You should consider:

ASK YOURSELF:

- What is the League's attitude to the Prime Minister?
- What are the main concerns to be discussed at the meeting?
- What does the Women's League hope to achieve with this meeting?
- Is women's suffrage mentioned in this document?
- Do you think the audience would see it as an important issue?

Women's Labour League.

DEMONSTRATION CONCERNING UNEMPLOYED WOMEN.

The result of the correspondence with the Premier, printed below, is so unsatisfactory that the Women's Labour League is arranging a Demonstration to demand further provision of work for Unemployed Women, which will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1909, at 7.45 p.m., at the MEMORIAL HALL, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.

The Chair will be taken by Mrs. J. R. MACDONALD, and the Speakers will include:—Miss BONDFIELD, Mrs. DESPARD, Miss MACARTHUR, Mrs. MOORE, Mr. GEORGE BARNES, M.P., Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, Mr. WILL CROOKS, M.P., Canon SCOTT HOLLAND, Mr. GEORGE LANSBURY, and Mr. J. RAMSAY MACDONALD, M.P.

It is very important to educate and focus public opinion in favour of a full share of the benefits under the Central (Unemployed) Body and other Distress Committees being given to unemployed women dependent on their own earnings, and we believe a big Central Meeting will have this effect.

All friends are urgently asked to help by coming to the Meeting, making it known to others, and, if possible, sending donations towards the necessary expenses. Handbills or information can be obtained from, or money sent to:—Mrs. J. R. MACDONALD, Chairman Central London Branch W.L.L., 3, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.; Mrs. NODIN, Hon. Sec. Central London Branch W.L.L., Minook, Kenley, Surrey; Mrs. MIDDLETON, National Secretary W.L.L., 8, Jedburgh Street, Clapham, London, S.W.