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Dear Madam.

My Com^{tee} desire to inform
the International W.S. Conference Com^{tee}
that they are taking the Queen's Hall
on Saturday evening. May 1st. for a
meeting of Professional + Industrial
women, like the one held by them in
November last. They desire me also to ask
whether your Com^{tee} would announce
or advertise this meeting on the Congress
Programmes. Many of your Com^{tee} know of
our meetings. but I enclose a letter dealing
with the one we are holding here shortly, to
explain it to any who may not know.
I am
yours faithfully.
E. S. Roper. Hon. Sec.

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DEAR MADAM,

May we call your attention to a meeting which is to be held in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on the 17th of March, at 7-30 p.m., in support of Women's Suffrage? This meeting is arranged by professional, university and industrial women in order to urge their special claim for enfranchisement.

To be without a vote is to be politically defenceless, and working women in the labour market feel the great injustice of their present position and bitterly resent their exclusion from political representation and the restrictions to which their work is subjected by laws over which they have no control.

The support of the university and professional women is of the utmost importance. It is essential that the meeting on March 17th should not only be crowded but that it should represent the feeling and determination of educated self-supporting women in the country. We ask for your help, by coming yourself to the meeting, by selling tickets, by making it known in societies or groups of women with whom you are associated, and by any other means in your power.

The meeting is being organised by a special committee on the same lines as the Queen's Hall (London) Demonstration in November last, which was attended by thousands of professional women.

We enclose leaflets giving full particulars for distribution among your staff and friends. If you are already in sympathy we invite your cordial co-operation; if, on the other hand, circumstances have prevented your giving serious consideration to the subject, we ask you to be present on March 17th in order to learn why many of us feel this to be rightly one of the burning questions of the day.

We shall be happy to send you a complimentary ticket if you will be good enough to inform the Hon. Secretaries of your intention to be present.

Yours faithfully,

SARA A. BURSTALL, M.A.
ALICE M. COOKE, M.A. (Leeds University).
CATHERINE CHISHOLM, B.A., M.B., Ch.B.
E. MONA CLAY, Inspector Manchester Education Committee.
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