

41 Lissenden Mansions  
Highgate Road. N.W.

July 9<sup>th</sup> 09.

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Dear Madam,

I have to thank you for  
your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant,  
in which you inform me that  
the emblems carried in the  
Procession of April 27<sup>th</sup> have  
been lent to the Women's  
Trades Union League.

As a working woman, however,  
I feel I must protest against  
the action of the London  
Society for Women's Suffrage  
in associating itself with  
the Trades Union League,  
in view of the attitude  
of the secretary towards

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Trade Union League  
10/-  
11/-

women's suffrage and  
towards the restriction of  
women's labour. ~~more especially~~  
after Miss McArthur's action  
at the Queen's Hall meeting  
on Wednesday last does not  
seem to me likely to advance  
the cause of women's suffrage,  
and I notice in today's Daily  
News that she is reported  
to have said that she objects  
to the "association of the  
suffragist movement with  
the cause of women's labour."

This ~~seems~~ makes the action  
of your society the more  
strange to me.

I am sorry to have to  
make this protest; but as the

industrial aspect of the suffrage  
question is the one which  
appeals most strongly to me,  
I am naturally distressed  
if any action of the London  
Society for Women's Suffrage  
tends to alienate working  
women from the cause -

I do not know who was  
responsible for the state-  
ments as to women's trades  
in the programme sold at  
the Albert Hall meeting on  
April 27<sup>th</sup>; but many of them  
seemed to me incorrect  
& indeed almost insulting  
to the women engaged in  
the trades mentioned - I  
refer to this only that you  
~~may~~ because I have often

thought about it, & I think it is best to state all one's grievances at the time - I do not wish to resign my membership of the Society, as its principles are those with which I most heartily agree; but if the restriction of women's labour is to be adopted as part of its policy, I shall have no option in the matter.

I must apologise for troubling you at such length, but I think you would probably prefer to know the opinions of your members -

Yours faithfully

Maryon Lee

Miss Philippa Strachey

London Society for Women's  
Suffrage