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Women Textile and other Workers Representation Committee.

Head Office: MANCHESTER & SALFORD WOMEN'S  
TRADE & LABOUR COUNCIL OFFICE,  
5, JOHN DALTON STREET,  
MANCHESTER.

May 25. - 1909.

Dear Miss Strachey,

We are arranging to hold a Women's Suffrage Meeting on July 7th, 1909, in the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, London.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, M.A., of the City Temple, will preside.

The meeting will be on the same lines as that held in the same place on November 17th last, and will be addressed by industrial and professional women.

A number of industrial and professional women will go from Manchester. We think it will add to the interest and importance of the Meeting to have working women attend from other towns and cities. We therefore invite your Society to consider the possibility of sending from your town one, two, or more women, at present engaged in trades or professions.

If you should decide to do this please send names and occupations of those who would attend to above address as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

p.p. E. G. Roper,

Co-Secretary,

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**Women's Suffrage.**

A Public Meeting of Industrial and Professional Women to be held on Wednesday evening,  
July 7th, 1909, Queen's Hall, London.

*Hon. Secretaries :*

MISS EVA GORE BOOTH.

MISS ROPER, B.A.

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*LONDON,*

*To whom applications for tickets should be sent.*

*June 16, 1909.*

DEAR MADAM,

May we call your attention to a meeting which is to be held in the Queen's Hall, London, on the 7th of July, at 8 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.

It is rendered specially necessary by the present attack of the Government on the Florists' Assistants and the Married Women of this country, who often, at great cost to themselves, are so courageously keeping their homes together and bringing up their children by means of that paid work of which the House of Commons, and the London County Council, and other public bodies are proposing to deprive them.

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 July 7th 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 July 7th in order to learn why many of us feel this to be rightly one of the burning questions of the day.

Yours faithfully,

EVA GORE BOOTH.

ESTHER ROPER.