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have ~~been~~ ^{grown} ~~to any extent~~ ^{conspicuously} with the establishment of the State Bureaus of Labour, and the increase in the number of factory inspectors, through the reports of the latter the ~~subject~~ ^{evil} was being constantly brought to the attention of the State governments and the public alike, while the former published the first official returns of any worth.

In 1887 an Association of the Factory Inspectors of the several States was formed, and annual meetings of the Association were subsequently held. The fact that it was not till the session of 1891 that the subject received ~~any~~ attention from the body is sufficient evidence to justify the opinion that a popular agitation of any extent had not ~~yet~~ made its appearance.