

women, has declared emphatically in its favour. In June last 10,000 professional women, including a large contingent of University graduates, marched from the Thames Embankment to the Albert Hall, and 100,000 working women paraded in Hyde Park to demonstrate their support of the claim to the Suffrage. It has been a claim of women against men. It has always been supported by some of the ablest of men, and has now the support of three of the leaders of the four parties in the House of Commons and of 470 of the 670 members of the House.

Increased activity has been evident since 1905. The eve of the General Election of 1906 offered a favourable opportunity for pressing forward the recent loss of the right to representation in the administration of education—by the transference of this duty from School

Boards to Boards and County Councils provoked a special effort to avert like calamities. It has taken five years, at least, to get this remedied by allowing women to serve on the Councils. Sixty years of hard work of constitutional method had borne much fruit. What is popularly known as the Suffragette Movement came into prominence at about this time, and has in the minds of many been discredited by the regrettable excesses of the few. But it is only fair to remember that in previous franchise movements there was interference with Law and Order, people assembled in their tens of thousands and experience shewed that predominance of argument done was not sufficient. Hence the necessity of more demonstrative measures.

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