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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF GIRLS' ASSOCIATIONS.

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Aug. 27. '13. Weybridge.

Dear Madam

I am very much interested in the circular letter you have sent me with reference to a movement in favour of the admission of women to the priesthood. I cannot say that my

own convictions have
learly reached that point,
though I do feel very
strongly that a much more
definite position of influence
& authority sh^d. be assigned
to duly qualified & educated
Churchwomen, apart
from their taking orders.

The Order of deaconesses
furnishes ample scope
for the energies of those who

are able to consecrate
their lives entirely to
the service of the Church
it seems to me. What
we want is far more
an accredited Order
of Lay women, to whom
the religious education
of children, & of older
girls, including the
preparation of Confirmation
Candidates, might be
entrusted, without their

being made to feel that
they are doing such work
under the supervision of
some inexperienced curate!

Miss Fairfield of the
Independent Christian Movement
Hnuandale

North End Road

Stamperhead NW.

(Who drew up the enclosed
Outline Guide to the Woman's
Movement) & Miss Maund
Ryder ^{who} both took a leading
part in the recent Conference

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of the Anglican Fellowship
at Swanwick, would
be interested in your
scheme I think - tho'
I know Mrs Fairfield
w^d - not go so far as to
wish to see women ad-
mitted to the priesthood.

Will you be attending
the Southampton Church
Congress next month?

If so perhaps we could
arrange to meet, &
discuss the matter.

You may be interested
to see the report of a small
Conference arranged by
the Representative Council
of W.M.'s Associations, of
which I am Secy, on the
religious significance of
the Woman's Movement,

& also the Litany of
Intercession for Women
which we drew up for
use on that occasion.

Have you seen a booklet
by D. Arthur Robinson
"The Response of Woman
to her Call today"
published by Longmans?
He is in real sympathy
with our deepest desires
I think, & personally

auxiliaries to do all in
his power to meet them.

Believe me

Yours truly

J. L. Barton.

Address in Sept. 8.

Norris's York Villa

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