

to collect & circulate the views of so many on the subject.

With warm thanks

Dear Mrs

Barston

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REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF GIRLS' ASSOCIATIONS.

MOORCROFT, WEYBRIDGE.

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Mrs Roberts

I thank you for your most interesting summary of letters received in reference to the admission of Women to the Priesthood. I hope several of the Head Deaconesses will attend the Conference in the autumn

as I do feel, in common
with several of your
Correspondents, that
their opinion w^d be most
valuable, & that they
are the women to take
the initiative in asking
for fuller privileges.

Personally I think with
you the Conference sh^d be
confined to members of
the Church of England.

But there are certain
leaders amongst our
Bishops & others who
have shown such marked
sympathy with the Woman's
Movement that I feel
it w^d be a great gain
if they c^d. also be
present - Such men as
the Bishop of Winchester
Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster,
Bishop Hand of Kensington
Dr. Arthur Robinson
College of All Hallows
15 Fitzroy Sq.

D. Percy Dearmer
The Rev. William Temple,
Headmaster of Repton,
& the Rev. Tinsington Tallow
Sec. of the Student Christian
Movement. Annandale
North End R^d. Oldesleepe N.W.

The two latter are
taking a leading part
in a Conference on the
Woman's Movement, which
meets next week at The
Hazes, Swanwick, ^{Derbyshire} arranged
by the Collegium - h?

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Temple presides, & speaks
on "The Basis of Government".
Dr. Deamer on "The Relation
of the Sexes" - & Miss
Daud Royden on "The
Family & the Individual".

I wish you could have
been with us!

The more I think about
it, the more do I feel
that it is not so much
Women Priests as Women Prophetesses

who are needed amongst
the recognized leaders in
the Church today -
Those who have a real
message to give, and are
recognized by all as
Gods' spokesmen - such
women as Mrs Royden,
Mrs Luke Paper, Miss
Ruth Rouse, Miss Sombly,
Mrs Creighton & many
others. Others might
qualify for the office by a
thorough knowledge of

their Bible, Prayer book,
Church History, Sunday
School Reform method,
Charity Organization,
Municipal Work (Madras,
Sanitary Inspectors, Care
Committee Secretaries &c)
if duly approved by
the Bishop & Head Deacons
of their diocese -

I do not see how
married women could
ever be Priests, as the
duties of Motherhood must

inevitably prevent
them from fulfilling their
Priestly office always.

But just as Elizabeth
Joy was a true Prophetess
in the Quaker Community
& at the same time brought up
a large family, surely
such an office might
be open to married as
well as unmarried
women in the Church of England?

We all owe you a debt
of gratitude for the trouble
we have so kindly taken