

Miss Roberts  
Dartford

A grand young candidate. Speaks well. Good looking.  
Keen, knows her subjects. Watch and encourage.

(Report by Rt. Hon. Lord Balfour of Inchrye, M.C.)



Miss Maxee.

Miss Margaret Roberts.

Mr. Alport knows Miss Roberts well; is a very intelligent and nice girl. Was active in the University Federation.

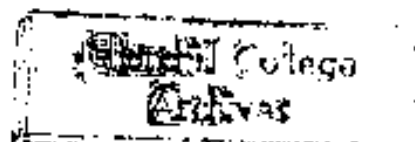
Miss Roberts is a constituent of his; does considerable Political Education work in the division, open-air speaking and lecturing.

She is also a member of the Area Education Committee for the East Midlands - her home is at Grantham.

Mr. Alport can thoroughly recommend her.

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Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of Feb. 23rd.,  
re Miss M.H. Roberts, I have the greatest con-  
fidence in recommending her as prospective  
Conservative candidate for the Dartford Divi-  
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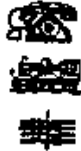
I cannot say exactly how long I have  
known her, but certainly since she was a child.  
She took a surprising interest in  
politics even then, & I was astonished at her  
grasp of affairs & her facility in communi-  
cating her views, either in conversation or  
in public speeches.

For some years I have served on the  
local Town Council with her Father, who is ex-  
ceptionally intelligent & able. Altogether her  
'background' is ~~such~~ that of 'public service'  
at it's best, coupled with a very superior in-  
tellect and the anxiety to work ~~very~~ hard to  
further principles in which she believes.

Altogether, I have great pleasure in  
saying that I think the Selectors in the  
Dartford Division have been most wise in  
adopting Miss Roberts as their Candidate, &  
am sure they will not regret their decision.

Yours sincerely,

*Susan of Brace*



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25th February 1949.

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*Thanked*  
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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd inst. with reference to Miss M. H. Roberts. As you are probably aware she was President of the Oxford University Conservative Association, and on coming down from the University came to live in this Division in 1946, when I first met her.

She is a most ardent and keen Conservative, and has done a very great deal of hard and good work for the Conservative Party in this Division during the last few years, and we shall be extremely sorry to lose her help.

In my opinion she will make a most conscientious and loyal Conservative Member of Parliament should she be returned for Dartford. She is quite a good public speaker, and has taken part in public debates in this Division with the opposition who hold her in the highest respect. I think Dartford are fortunate in their choice.

Yours sincerely,

*David Rippon*



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26th February, 1949

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Thanked  
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Dear Mr. Thomas,

Miss M.H. Roberts

Thank you for your note of the 23rd. I am very happy to write of Miss Roberts.

I have known her in the political world for three years and personally for the last two, and I have formed the highest possible opinion of her faith in the Tory cause and of her ability.

Perhaps more than anyone else, she was responsible for the resurgence of O.U.C.A. after the war, despite the fact that she is considerably younger than the majority of the men whom she was leading. There is, I think, abundant evidence that she has carried on this work since moving to Colchester. She is a good speaker, a good Chairman of Committee, gets on well with men (without resorting to the more obvious feminine arts!) and appears to be able to avoid unpopularity with her fellow women.

My firm has had certain business dealings with her firm which she has handled, which have been dealt with promptly and efficiently.

Although she has had far more experience than most people of her age, she has of course got a great deal to learn - and of this I believe she is fully cognisant.

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If I may sum up - I doubt if you will find a better  
woman candidate of her age!

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Great

