

SUTTON DIVISION

Parliamentary Bye-Election 1919

To the Electors of the Sutton Division of Plymouth.

I hesitated long before consenting to stand at the coming Election as I was overwhelmed by the special responsibility which, under the circumstances, would rest upon me as regards Plymouth, woman kind, and my husband's past work. I have no personal ambition to go to Parliament. But when a representative body of Plymouth men, and so many of my women friends in Sutton, through most touching personal appeals asked me to stand, and when, in spite of my own misgivings, my husband told me I could assist the causes we have at heart by coming forward, I felt there was only one course open to me. I come before you in all humility, fully conscious of all limitations. If you decide that Plymouth is once again to help in making history by being the first English constituency with a woman member, I shall do all in my power to maintain the high traditions of the Borough, the ideals of my sex, and the credit of Parliament.

I intend to work for the Peace, Progress and Prosperity of the Country. I shall, at the same time, have due regard to National Efficiency and Economy which women above all understand.

During the war I worked for the soldiers and sailors, and their wives and children, as well as all the others who were serving at home and abroad. I now ask them to work for me in order that I may work for them in Parliament. I believe I know the real Plymouth, its children and women, and its social problems better than any the other candidates.

With this knowledge, and with your knowledge of me based on my past record as a guide for the future, I ask the electors to let me represent them.

Nancy Astor

P.S-May I ask for your help in any District which you know best, and hope to see your name enrolled as one of my active and warm supporters.

My Central Committee Room is at 17, Lockyer Street.

3, Elliott Terrace
Plymouth
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