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Progress the Watchword.



**VOTE for ROWLANDS,**  
**YOUR OLD MEMBER.**

# General Election, 1918.

**POLLING DAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 14th.**

**To the Electors of the Dartford Division of Kent.**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

On Saturday, Dec. 14th, you will be privileged to elect a member to represent you in Parliament. Again, and for the fourth time, I ask for your confidence and support.

You who have followed so carefully the course of events during the epoch making period since the last General Election will know that I have faithfully fulfilled my promises, and have worked unsparingly to help to secure the Peace which is now practically an accomplished fact.

THE NEED FOR UNITY. I believe that the immediate present calls for absolute National Unity, and that the intellect and experience of all parties should be brought to bear in the serious problems which lie before us. I am therefore in favour of a Coalition, and should continue my support to the present Government.

Now that the irresistible valour of our troops and those of our Allies has established a complete overthrow of Prussian Militarism, and Right has so definitely overcome Might, it will be my special care to ensure that the sacrifice of Britain's manhood, the untold sufferings of our prisoners of war, the heroic stoicism of the women, the spending of the Nation's wealth, shall not have been in vain.

Those responsible for these crimes, especially the ex-Kaiser, must be brought to justice.

The Central Powers must build again the countries so ruthlessly destroyed and must be made to pay the full when the question of Indemnity is raised.

On the conclusion of Peace the first duty of the country will be to make just and generous provision for those who have suffered in her defence. As President of the Erith Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, and by my work in the House of Commons, I have already shown my keen interest in their welfare. First, we have to find employment for those who are able to work; secondly, we have to provide training for those who are incapacitated for their old occupation in new employment, and assistance in giving them a start; and thirdly, we must provide pensions adequate for the comfort of those who are wholly disabled.

LIBERTY. The restrictions on personal liberty under which we have lived during the War should be removed as soon as possible; and as a life long advocate of Trade Unionism, I shall press for the restoration of the rules and regulations of Trade Unions.

RECONSTRUCTION. Social conditions must be boldly grappled with. My long experience in and sympathy with all questions concerning the betterment of the people, make me specially fitted to represent your interests in these most vital matters.

The Government has already promised a great housing scheme which will provide adequate accommodation and suitable conditions for the people. Women especially will be interested in this long needed reform, which must facilitate the work of the Ministry of Health and lay the foundation of a happier motherhood and a sturdier population.

As a member of the National Committee I have worked and shall continue to work for the amendment of the Old Age Pensions Act. I helped to get the recent War Concessions.

I am strongly in favour of the creation of a League of Nations, the establishment of a Ministry of Health, the unlocking of the land, and on the question of Home Rule my views are well known.

ENFRANCHISED WOMEN. I extend a hearty welcome to those Ladies who have obtained the franchise, as it is well known in the Division that I have always advocated Adult Suffrage.

CONCLUSION. When I first stood for Parliament 33 years ago it was as a Liberal and Labour Candidate. I have now, as I had then, the same broad views at heart.

I have had the privilege of seeing realised many of the reforms of which I was one of the earlier pioneers, and I trust you will return me again so that I may assist in the passing of much needed reforms for the betterment of the people.

Your obedient Servant,

**JAMES ROWLANDS.**

119, MERCERS ROAD,  
TUFNELL PARK, N.

2nd December, 1918.

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PLEASE NOTE.—Your number on the Register and your Polling Station will be found on the outside of this Address. When you go to the voting place on Polling Day, tell the authorities your Number, Name and Address. They will then give you a Ballot Paper. If you wish to vote for me make a **X** on that paper in the space provided at the right hand side of my name. Be careful not to spoil the paper by writing other things; but if you spoil one, ask for another and begin again.

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Mrs. A.G. Hart-Davis,  
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