

in my behalf to Sir John Lubbock,  
and Sir John Lubbock to Mr  
Gladstone, I believe my chance of  
the living would be considerable.

As points in my favour, might  
I suggest my intimate acquaintance  
with the Island, the tone and  
sentiments of the Manx people:—  
that Dean Stanley invited me  
to preach in Westminster Abbey:—  
that when High Sheriff you conferred  
on me the distinction of  
appointing me your Chaplain.

I have printed several sermons  
though not in one volume, and  
two of these were printed at  
your kind request.

Answered

The Rectory  
Melcombe Horsey  
Dorchester, Dorset  
5 March 1886

Dear Sir

In letter-writing I fear  
that brevity is not one of my  
characteristics, but I will on  
this occasion endeavour to be  
as brief as possible.

I am thoroughly happy in  
the County of Dorset, and should  
not care to remove elsewhere  
to any part of the British Isles,  
except perhaps one, and that is  
the Isle of Man. I have known  
the Isle of Man well, over the  
last twenty years, and have

preached in some of the Churches  
there. On that island is a  
living I have coveted for nearly  
all that time. That living  
is now vacant; the Rector  
died last Sunday 28 Feb -  
It is in the gift of the Crown,  
that is, in Mr. Gladstone's gift.  
Its net value is a little over  
£600 per ann. Although  
Crown livings are usually almost  
immediately filled, I do not  
think that Mr. Gladstone has yet  
appointed any one to this, though  
no doubt he will have numerous  
applications.

I fear in writing what  
follows I am guilty of a

piece of stupendous presumption,  
but if I am taking too great a  
liberty - I beg to offer every apology -  
and I at once respectfully  
retire, casting myself entirely on  
your indulgence, and hoping for  
your kind and generous  
forgiveness.

I am one of Sir John  
Lubbock's constituents, that is  
a Graduate of London University,  
for which he is M.P. (May  
I remark by the way that the  
present Lord Chancellor is also  
one of his constituents, being  
a Graduate of London University.)

If you, or Mr. Rivers, or Lady  
Lubbock would kindly say a word