

with its freedom from sectarian
strife, and the almost total
absence of any disturbing
element whatever, - with
people to whom we are
attached, and who are
likewise, I am sure, attached
to us, - is a sphere in which
I am very thankful to find
myself placed.

Col. Bingham's house
is now let, and Mr. Eyre,
our new neighbour, the
Governor of Jamaica in
the troublous times of
about twenty years ago, -

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The Rectory
Melcombe Horsey
Dorchester
15 March 1886

Dear Sir I beg to thank you
very much for your kind
note of the 12th relative to
the Manx Rectory. Mrs
Rivers likewise very kindly
wrote me a note on the
subject saying that Sir John
Lubbock under present
circumstances could not
ask any favour from
Mr. Gladstone - In my

letter to Mr Rivers thanking
her for her kind interest in
my behalf I said that as I
grow older I find myself
becoming something of a
fatalist, - with a deepening
conviction that we are all
simply automata; and that
the game of life which we
suppose we play for
ourselves is being played
for us by an invisible
agent behind the scenes.
Consequently while I thankfully
accept every piece of good
fortune, and every

pleasing circumstance in
life, I try to bear the reverse
with resignation & equanimity.
So that this apparently unfavourable
coincidence of the Manx Vacancy
with Sir John Lubbock's
inability to ask any favour
from Mr. Gladstone, so far
as I am concerned, simply
means that I am not to go to
the Isle of Man. Friends
on the Island, and the larger
income, were the inducements
to try my chance. But
I am perfectly happy in
Dorset. And this parish
of Melcombe Horsey,

that may fall vacant, to
Graduates of the older
Universities.

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together with his family - are
exceedingly nice & pleasant
people.

I fully sympathise with
your feeling of satisfaction
that Sir John Lubbock is
not with Mr. Gladstone.
Like a potent magician
who summons spirits from
the vast and silent depths
beneath us, Mr. Gladstone
would summon into
existence a spirit of
revolution on the tranquil
plains of Paradise.

My admiration of Mr Gladstone
though by no means quite
extinct, has recently cooled
very considerably -

Begging to thank you
once more for your very
kind note, and for all the
numerous favours for which
I am indebted to you,
ever since that supreme
favour of appointing me
to this living I remain

Faithfully & Respectfully Yours
Joseph Hall

To
General Pitt-Rivers F. R. S.

P. S. - The Lord Chancellor is
a Graduate of London University.
Justice Wills, and Justice
Fry are London Graduates too -
With a fair chance, the Graduates
of London can hold their own
with those of the older Universities
- But in the Church we
have not a fair chance - The
Lord Chancellor is patron of
Canonries in several
Cathedrals - I wonder if he
will be willing when
opportunity offers, to give
any of his fellow Graduates
a chance, instead of
giving all the Canonries