

Creeds of the Church
with regard to the
future, and the
possible building of a
new Church, or the
re-building of the old,
it is difficult for
me to say what I
should desire, supposing
I should become Rector;
but I may say that I
deplore the condition
of the old Church,

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QUETHIOCK VICARAGE,
LISKEARD,
CORNWALL.

27th May 1898.

Dear Mr. Wis,

In reply to your
letter received this
morning inclosing a
copy of Genl Pitt Rivers'
letter, — I will endeavour
to make clear the facts
concerning myself and

My candidature for
appointment to the
rectory of Ibberton and
Belchalwell, on exchange.

In the first place, as
to views — The doctrinal
essentials of Christianity
I believe to be embodied
in the Book of Common
Prayer. I object to be
a victim of Party
nomenclature; but

if terms must be
employed, I am a
High Churchman, but
object to absurd
extremity of ritual!
In the externals of
public worship I desire
the reasonable use of
all lawful things that
tend to beauty. I
certainly pay so much
attention to Creeds
that I acknowledge
none other than the

On the whole, I think I
may say that I should be
in favour of restoring the
old.

The fact that I hold
a Bishop's Living I
imagine to be fairly
good evidence of my
fitness to be preferred
to any other Benefice.

Have you told Jew
Sibers that I am not
a University man?

and should delight
in the work of its
restoration. Whether
however, that is desirable
I am not in a position
to say. It rests rather
with the wishes of
the people. If it
were not for the
hill on which the
Church stands, I
imagine there could
not be two opinions

about the matter.

As I was originally intended for the Architectural Profession, and did actually, and practically, work for some years in good London Offices, I am naturally personally in favour of putting any facility of pencil that I may

possess to some practical use for the restoration of the old Church, I should dearly like to restore it! In some respects, no doubt, the alternative proposal of building a new Church in a more accessible place offers distinct advantages.

I think that this ought to be mentioned at the outset, because I know that there is frequently, and reasonably, a prejudice against men who have not been to an University.

I think also that the reason that I seek an exchange should be distinctly

stated. In my
case it is that I
may obtain an increase
of income. This is
in fact my sole
inducement in this
present instance.

You remember I
dare say that my age
is now 49.

Faithfully yours,
Lionel S. Howman.

parish - with a population of about
125 people. The Church has to a
certain extent suffered - though
I can candidly affirm that I have
never set myself up against the
Dissenters - but behaved to them
courteously & kindly - not interfering
by word or deed - feeling that every
"one has a right to his own religious
opinions" -

I also regret that my actions with
regard to the old Church here has
given some offence - You are aware
I suppose that I began to restore
the Chancel - that just as we had
placed in position half of the East
window - the roof of the Chancel just
fell in - then without warning.

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Ans^d June 3/98.

Ilborton Rectory -

Islandford

May 30. 98

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Dear Sir,

I was unable, according to my
promise to write to you on
Saturday - as the enclosed letter
from the clergyman with whom
I should like to exchange livings,
did not reach us in time for
me to do so. I thought it would
be better that he himself should
answer your enquiry as to his
Church's principles &c.

I did not give his name in my
first letter to you, as I only wished
to know whether you would give

me from permission to make an exchange.
My foremost reason for ~~wishing~~ ^{wishing} to
make a move from here is a
strong feeling I have that a change
would be most beneficial to the
parishioners. I can honestly say
that I have tried to do my best to
perform my work here - It is now nearly
16 years since you were kind enough
to present me to this living - I have
only been absent from the parishes
on three Sundays in that time - I
have always treated Roberton & Balchawell
(for each is a separate parish) alike
in the services performed - as far as practicable -
namely - two on each Sunday - with
extra ones in Advent & Lent - Here I,
(in obedience to the declaration I made

at my ordination) have said daily
morning prayer - and at times also
daily evening prayer - In addition to
this work, as there is no musician
in either parish, I have been obliged
to be my own organist - I am sorry to
hear that you entertain an idea
that "I don't get on quite well" with
the people. Everyone is very civil
to me - and no one can say that
I have refused to help them in
one way or another - It certainly
has not been easy to agree with the
proceedings of some - who ought to
have supported me - and as
there are two nonconformist places
of worship beside the Church in this

in collecting about £50 - my
opponents should get themselves
to raise the balance required for
the restoration of this (church -
so if another clergyman took
my place here - he would be able
now to proceed easily with the
work - not having the disagreeable
to pay through which has been
lost. This is another reason for my
wish to exchange.

Again - I am anxious to have
more people - & to more work in
the school - &c. &c.

Further - I cannot say that this
part ~~quite~~ agrees with me so well
as

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The heat of the North aisle - after
this collapse the architect - W.
Herbert [a painter 75 a. (now deceased)]
(who had always & affirmed
that the church should be restored
in the old) seeing what a very
bad rotten state the walls &
roof of the nave & aisle were in -
said "the building would have
to be taken down & rebuilt - & he
therefore considered it the wiser plan
to leave the tower & a portion
of the nave - sufficient for a
burial service (only) - & build
another small church at the
entrance to the village - following
somewhat the plan which was

Came out at 4 o'clock, on the
road to Sherborne -

An afternoon service was given in
the schoolroom for two years - & then
a meeting was held to consider
what was to be done - Some of the
parishioners opposed the idea of a
new church - & really undertook to
collect money to restore the old one.

Many of the subscribers, who had previously
sent me donations willingly allowed
me to ~~take~~ ^{use} their donations towards
the erection of a temporary, I was
Church, on condition that, as soon
as those who had wished for the
restoration of the old church had
collected sufficient funds for that work.

The temporary church should be sold -
The proceeds added to these funds -
But knowing so well the minds
of our opponents -
we have not been surprised that
not one has collected one penny
for the purpose of the restoration - Thus
showing that they after all were
not very keen in the matter -

I could tell you of something
like £200 to £300 - ready for
the restoration - inclusive that is
of the amount for Chancel - and
I believe £1000 to £1200 are wanted
for the restoration - but I think it is
only fair - that after my arduous
work

cheerfully to accede to the
application I have made.

I best remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
D. Augustus Wise
Rochester

I trust that you are better in
health -
Yours truly
A. H. R. Wren

Mr Plowman has told me that he
could at once furnish you with clerical
testimony as to his character & work
allow me to add that my means will
not permit me to resign - unless I
can be appointed to another living -
- that by the proposed exchange
as far as the ^{amount of} income is concerned
I should be a loser - as the living of
Quethwick is some way less than this -

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I should wish - but of course that
is by far the least important
consideration in determining an
exchange -

The clergyman who is willing
to come here is younger than myself -
married - has children -

He is vicar of a village of some
450 parishioners - Quethwick in
Cornwall - near Sidkeaid -

Mr Plowman from what
I have seen of him this church
would not offend in any way
by "ritual" - as it is now called -
He seems to me a most sensible
man - I would not go counter
to the wishes of the parishioners -

He fully states his religious views
in the letter enclosed -

I have been called a very High
Churchman" but I don't deserve
such a description - I wish I was
called a "good Churchman" - I am
no lover of "extreme ritualism" - No
one can call our services here
anything but plain - hearty &
Congregational - & they are approved
of by all those who attend them.

Just as you, I know, will have ^{properly} ₂₀
all four festival days - & works
at the Lamen Tree, Farnham, & Stollow
Royal, well & thoroughly carried
out & observed - so I like to see,

to have as you at I can - the
worships of GOD are reverent &
well performed & chief in their
power - And you in your justice
will not say "nay" to me in this -

I should only be too glad if
you would make enquiries in
the matter - Even Mr. Creech
I think could be able support
my assertion as to the quiet -
heartly conduct of the services here.

Please accept an apology for
the length of this letter -

I trust that after reading it
you may be able to see your way

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Rushmore

Salisbury

June 3/98.

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Dear Sir,

Would it not be possible
for you to effect an exchange
with a clergyman who is Broad
Church.

I will write a reply to your
letter and Mr. Plowman's shortly.
I suppose you are in no great
hurry for an answer.

Yrs truly,

A. Pitt Rivers.

Rev. J. A. Wise.