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WHATCOMBE,  
BLANDFORD.  
—AND TELEGRAPH—

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My dear General Pitt Rivers

As I find the  
officials of the Field Club  
are addressing themselves  
to the question of their future  
present. Although you stand  
on a higher rung of the  
scientific ladder, and you  
have so much in hand of  
interest to the archaeologist  
& naturalist. I should be  
sorry to feel that we  
had failed in paying you  
the compliment and asking  
you to ease the "Vice" &  
accept the Presidency  
of the Club. We have made  
some progress within the last

three or four years. much  
through the energy of  
the Secretary Mr. Stewart  
who will not allow himself  
to be re-elected, having left  
I write him to reside in  
Scotland. two volumes are  
often noticed - and two of  
my papers on palaeontology  
wound of 'Annals of  
British Geology' for last year  
I know as you have a friend  
you will value me for writing  
the above - I do so as a  
matter of justice to you.  
I wish you had been elected  
as Alderman on the County  
Council - I tried it on, but  
there was no vacancy in the  
Northern Division & I fell up  
the two who went out in  
succession were re-elected.  
I began with 2 correspondents  
in the S.C.C. last week.

The exclusion of myself  
from the Technical Committee  
& Farmer Galpin was chosen  
much (I think) because he  
favours the idea of placing  
some of the money voted  
by Parliament for techni-  
cal work in the hands of  
the Farmers Clubs. who  
will very probably apply it  
in a way that I should  
disapprove of. I wish I could  
speak & give my mind about  
it. For myself I am glad  
I was passed by except for the  
prob. as I have quite enough  
to hand. With our very kind  
regards to Mrs Pitt Rivers  
I remain  
Yours most truly

H. Mansel-Pleydel