

# TO THE PAROCHIAL ELECTORS OF LIMPSFIELD.

FELLOW PARISHIONERS,

I have been invited to offer myself as a candidate for election to the Limpsfield Parish Council. It will be a pleasure to me to serve on that body should you do me the honour to elect me.

I have lived in this parish, on and off, since May, 1889, and continuously for more than three years. I am well acquainted with all parts of it, and I love it. I am known to a good many of you personally, and may claim, I think, to have shown that I shall not be behindhand in defence of public interests.

I make bold to consider myself well qualified to serve you with economy and efficiency, and to represent without prejudice all classes of our community.

I am the son of a country clergyman, and the grandson of a country Squire. I was educated at Tonbridge School and the University of Oxford.

I am a Civil Servant of the Crown, engaged in the Government of the Colonies; and it is my duty to help in controlling the taxation and expenditure of a variety of small communities where economy in small matters has constantly to be observed.

I was appointed in 1890 by Lord Knutsford to serve as a Colonial Secretary abroad, and as such I have been Chairman of a Board of Health, a Highway Board, and similar public bodies.

I have for the last ten years been an active public worker in the Socialist movement, which has created the Progressive party in London and other great towns, and the Independent Labour Party in politics.

At the International Workers' Congress held at Zürich in 1893 I was elected to be Secretary of the British Section, which was composed of sixty-five delegates from the principal Trade Unions and other workmen's associations of Great Britain.

If you choose me, I shall do my best, whilst upholding the strictest economy, to ensure that all the powers of the Council are applied to make our village and parish a worthy dwelling place for free and intelligent men and women.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,

**SYDNEY OLIVIER.**

*The Champions, Limpsfield.—Nov. 1894.*

