

Fawcett, Henry (b. 1833, d. 1884), economist and statesman, a native of Salisbury, studied at King's College School, London, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. as seventh wrangler in 1856, and was subsequently chosen a fellow. In 1858, while partridge-shooting with his father, he met with an accident which inflicted on him total blindness, in spite of which he resolved to pursue the economic and political career he had not long before determined upon. The publication of his *Manual of Political Economy* in 1863 was immediately followed by his election to the chair of Political Economy at Cambridge. In 1865 he was elected M.P. for Brighton, which he continued to represent until 1874, when he was returned for Hackney, and again in 1880. In this year he became Mr. Gladstone's postmaster-general, and held the office four years and a half, his tenure of it being marked by a long series of reforms and new institutions. He was lord rector of Glasgow University in 1883.

The Close,

Salisbury.

29. Sept. 1882

My dear Sir,

I much regret
that in consequence
of the numerous
calls upon me for
subscriptions I am

unable to comply
with your request that
I should contribute
to the Organ fund of
St Peter's Church.
Hoxton.

Believe me

Yours very truly
Henry Fawcett

The Rev. Thomas Priestley

Postmaster General