

great & unmerited
kindness,

Believe me,

My dear Dr Westcott,

Yours truly,

H. S. Siddons

The Rev

The Rector, Church of St Dunstons

CHRIST CHURCH,
OXFORD.

27 Nov. 1884.

My dear Dr Westcott,

Some months ago you
did me the great pleasure
of asking me to give some
lectures on Preaching in the
Divinity School at Cambridge.
And I answered your
invitation by saying that
while I could not hope
to accept it for the
year immediately following,
I hoped I might do so.

- should the invitation be renewed, - a year later. This audacious proposal you so generously accepted.

It is a matter of much regret to me that I can scarcely hope now to keep even this conditional engagement. I would not trouble you with merely personal details; but work - such as it is, - which I cannot set aside

or transfer to others, - combined with difficulties on the score of health which do not diminish as time goes on, - make me feel that I ought not in any degree to stand in the way of others who would naturally attract the attention of the Syndicate.

It is impossible to say how much, without saying you how gratefully I shall always remember this distinguished proof of your