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FOUNDED BY THE LATE
REV. JOHN BAMPTON, M. A.
CANON OF SALISBURY.

BY GEORGE CROFT, D. D.
LATE FELLOW OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
VICAR OF ARNCLIFFE, MASTER OF THE GRAMMAR
SCHOOL IN BREWOOD, AND CHAPLAIN TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF ELGIN.

Eorum lis nostra fides est.

HILAR.

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TO THE REVEREND
THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
AND
HEADS OF COLLEGES;
THE FOLLOWING SERMONS,
PREACHED
BY THEIR APPOINTMENT,
ARE
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT AND GRATITUDE
INSCRIBED
BY THEIR MUCH OBLIGED
AND MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT,

GEORGE CROFT.

*Extract from the last Will and Testa-
ment of the late Reverend JOHN
BAMPTON, Canon of Salisbury.*

— “ I give and bequeath my Lands
“ and Estates to the Chancellor, Masters,
“ and Scholars of the University of Oxford
“ for ever, to have and to hold all and sin-
“ gular the said Lands or Estates upon trust,
“ and to the intents and purposes herein after
“ mentioned ; that is to say, I will and ap-
“ point, that the Vice Chancellor of the
“ University of Oxford for the time being
“ shall take and receive all the rents, issues,
“ and profits thereof, and (after all taxes,
“ reparations, and necessary deductions made)
“ that he pay all the remainder to the en-
“ dowment of eight Divinity Lecture Ser-
“ mons, to be established for ever in the said
“ University, and to be performed in the
“ manner following :

“ I direct and appoint, that, upon the first
“ Tuesday in Easter Term, a Lecturer be
“ yearly chosen by the Heads of Colleges
“ only, and by no others, in the room ad-
“ joining to the Printing-House, between
“ the

“ the hours of ten in the morning and two
“ in the afternoon, to preach eight Divinity
“ Lecture Sermons, the year following, at
“ St. Mary’s in Oxford, between the com-
“ mencement of the last month in Lent
“ Term, and the end of the third week in
“ Act Term.

“ Also I direct and appoint, that the eight
“ Divinity Lecture Sermons shall be preach-
“ ed upon either of the following subjects
“ — to confirm and establish the Christian
“ Faith, and to confute all heretics and schif-
“ matics—upon the divine authority of the
“ Holy Scriptures — upon the authority of
“ the writings of the primitive Fathers, as
“ to the faith and practice of the primitive
“ Church — upon the Divinity of our Lord
“ and Saviour Jesus Christ — upon the Divi-
“ nity of the Holy Ghost — upon the Articles
“ of the Christian Faith, as comprehended
“ in the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds.

“ Also I direct, that thirty copies of the
“ eight Divinity Lecture Sermons shall be
“ always printed, within two months after
“ they are preached, and one copy shall be
“ given to the Chancellor of the University,
“ and one copy to the Head of every Col-
“ lege,

“ lege, and one copy to the Mayor of the
“ City of Oxford, and one copy to be put
“ into the Bodleian Library; and the ex-
“ pence of printing them shall be paid out
“ of the revenue of the Lands or Estates
“ given for establishing the Divinity Lecture
“ Sermons; and the Preacher shall not be
“ paid, nor be entitled to the revenue, before
“ they are printed.

“ Also I direct and appoint, that no per-
“ son shall be qualified to preach the Di-
“ vinity Lecture Sermons, unless he hath
“ taken the Degree of Master of Arts at
“ least, in one of the two Universities of
“ Oxford or Cambridge; and that the same
“ person shall never preach the Divinity
“ Lecture Sermons twice.”

*The clear income of Mr. Bampton's estate
amounts to about 120l. per ann.*