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Extract From the Deed of Trust

In Accordance with the Provisions of which the Baldwin Lectures were Instituted -

"This Instrument, made and executed between Samuel Smith Harris, Bishop of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of
Michigan, of the City of Detroit, Wayne County,
Michigan, as party of the first part, and Henry
P. Baldwin, Alonzo B. Palmer, Henry A. Hayden, Sidney D. Miller, and Henry P. Baldwin,
2d, of the State of Michigan, Trustees under the
trust created by this instrument, as parties of
the second part, witnesseth as follows:

"In the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, the said party of the first part, moved by the importance of bringing all practicable Christian influences to bear upon the great body of students annually assembled at the University of Michigan, undertook to promote and set in operation a plan of Christian work at said University, and collected contributions for that purpose, of which plan the following outline is here given, that is to say:

"1. To erect a building or hall near the

University, in which there should be cheerful parlors, a well-equipped reading-room, and a lecture-room, where the lectures hereinafter mentioned might be given;

- "2. To endow a lectureship similar to the Bampton Lectureship in England, for the establishment and defence of Christian truth; the lectures on such foundation to be delivered annually at Ann Arbor by a learned elergyman or other communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be chosen as hereinafter provided, such lectures to be not less than six nor more than eight in number, and to be published in book form before the income of the fund shall be paid to the lecturer;
- "3. To endow two other lectureships, one on Biblical Literature and Learning, and the other on Christian Evidences, the object of such lectureships to be to provide for all the students who may be willing to avail themselves of them a complete course of instruction in sacred learning, and in the philosophy of right thinking and right living, without which no education can justly be considered complete;
- "4. To organize a society, to be composed of the students in all classes and departments of the University who may be members of or attached to the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which society the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. An-

drew's Parish, and all the Professors of the University who are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church should be members ex-efficie, which society should have the care and management of the reading-room and lecture-room of the hall, and of all exercises or employments carried on therein, and should moreover annually elect each of the lecturers hereinbefore mentioned, upon the nomination of the Bishop of the Diocese.

"In pursuance of the said plan, the said society of students and others has been duly organized under the name of the 'Hobart Guild of the University of Michigan;' the hall above mentioned has been builded and called 'Hobart Hall;' and Mr. Henry P. Baldwin of Detroit, Michigan, and Sibyl A. Baldwin, his wife, have given to the said party of the first part the sum of ten thousand dollars for the endowment and support of the lectureship first hereinbefore mentioned.

"Now, therefore, I, the said Samuel Smith Harris, Bishop as aforesaid, do hereby give, grant, and transfer to the said Henry P. Baldwin, Alonzo B. Palmer, Henry A. Hayden, Sidney D. Miller, and Henry P. Baldwin, 2d, Trustees as aforesaid, the said sum of ten thousand dollars to be invested in good and safe interest-bearing securities, the net income thereof to be paid and applied from time to time as

hereinafter provided, the said sum and the income thereof to be held in trust for the following uses:

"1. The said fund shall be known as the Endowment Fund of the Baldwin Lectures.

"2. There shall be chosen annually by the Hobart Guild of the University of Michigan, upon the nomination of the Bishop of Michigan. a learned clergyman or other communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to deliver at Ann Arbor and under the auspices of the said Hobart Guild, between the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and the Feast of St. Thomas, in each year, not less than six nor more than eight lectures, for the Establishment and Defence of Christian Truth, the said lectures to be published in book form by Easter of the following year, and to be entitled 'The Baldwin lectures:' and there shall be paid to the said lecturer the income of the said endowment fund, upon the delivery of fifty copies of said lectures to the said Trustees or their successors; the said printed volumes to contain, as an extract from this instrument, or in condensed form, a statement of the object and conditions of this trust."

In the month of July, A. D. 1901, the Trustees in whose hands the administration of this trust reposed, received a communication from the family of Governor Baldwin and the Trustees of his estate, requesting that, instead of the course of lectures as prescribed, some other method should be adopted which in the discretion of the Trustees would more faithfully carry into effect the intent and purpose of the donors. This intent, as stated by the deed of gift, is to bring to bear "all practicable Christian influences upon the great body of students annually assembled at the University."

In this communication it was suggested also that courses of sermons by different preachers should be tried as an experimental change. In accordance with this suggestion, the present course was arranged and delivered with marked success.

