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LORD BISHOP OF BARBADOS.

*Ἡ γὰρ ἱερουργία τελείται μόν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸν δὲ ἑκουσίων ἔχει πραγ-
μάτων, καὶ μάλιστα γε εἰσέτω· σὺ γὰρ ἀθροῦσαι, οὐκ ἄγγελος, οὐκ ἀρχάγγελος,
οὐκ ἄλλη τις κτιστὴ δύναμις, ἀλλ' αὐτὸς ὁ Παράκλητος ταύτης διατάξας τὴν
ἀποκλυθῆσαι, καὶ δεῖ μένοντα ἐν σαρκὶ τὴν τῶν ἀγγέλων ἑκείσε φωνάζεσθαι
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TO CANDIDATES

FOR ADMISSION TO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY,

IN THE DIOCESE OF BARBADOS,

TO THE CLERGY

ALREADY ENGAGED IN THAT WORK,

AND

TO THE CONGREGATIONS

INTERESTED IN ITS FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE,

THE FOLLOWING ATTEMPT

TO PROMOTE THIS GREAT OBJECT,

IS AFFECTIONATELY AND RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,

BY

THEIR DEVOTED FRIEND AND SERVANT,

T. BARBADOS.

PREFACE.

THE following Discourses were delivered, as explained at the commencement of the fifth, at Ordinations holden in the Cathedral Church of St. Michael, Barbados, the author charging himself with the duty of preaching the Sermon prescribed in the Ordinal. In adopting this course, it was by no means his intention to establish a precedent even for himself, much less for others; but merely to embrace an opportunity, whilst health and strength permitted him to do so, of inviting the candidates and others, whether of the clergy or laity, to a careful consideration of the import and seriousness of the vows publicly undertaken both by Priests and Deacons, at their admission to their respective Orders, with the view of making those solemn vows still better known, appreciated, remembered, and kept.

It is true that this service might have been rendered by a presbyter of the diocese; but from no

one, it seemed, could it come with the same propriety as from the bishop himself; and it is in the hope of contributing yet more effectually and more extensively to the same end, especially within his own diocese, that he now presents the Sermons to the Public, with an earnest prayer that it may please Him, who has given to his Church the different Orders of the Ministry, to make even this volume a humble instrument in helping to promote, more and more, an intelligent, effective, and devoted discharge of their sacred functions.

The Sermons now published are, it will be seen, only part of a course, to be followed by others, should God permit the design to be carried to its completion.

Wells,
Aug. 17, 1846.

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&c.

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