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TO  
THE PRIESTS AND DEACONS  
ORDAINED BY HIM  
DURING THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS,  
THESE ADDRESSES  
ARE DEDICATED  
BY THEIR AFFECTIONATE FRIEND  
AND  
"CHIEF PASTOR" IN THE LORD,

S. OXON.

## P R E F A C E.

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THE following Addresses have been delivered at successive Ordinations to the Candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Oxford. I have been led to publish them partly by the urgent request of those to whom they were delivered, and to whom they will, I trust, recall some of the deepest feelings and most solemn moments of their lives; partly because friends in whose judgment I have great confidence have thought them likely, under the blessing of Almighty God, to be extensively useful. Their main object has been, whilst they explain the meaning of our Ordinal, to stir up the devout and religious affections of those who were about to seek the great and blessed, but, at the same time, perilous office of Ministers of Christ. May God the Holy Ghost, without whose aid all such attempts must be in vain, be graciously pleased to bring home to the hearts of those who may

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read them the mighty and transforming truths which, with whatever weakness and imperfection of execution, it has been my object in these pages to set forth. May God the Holy Ghost, who abideth ever with the Church of Christ, speak Himself, through these lines, to hearts waiting for His blessing. May He accept mercifully, for Christ's sake, this attempt to impress on the minds and spirits of some young champions of His faith the living characteristics of that marvellous ministry which is conferred and received in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and, of the Holy Ghost; to Whom, Three Persons, One God, blessed for ever, be all praise and glory, now and for evermore.

CUDDESDON PALACE,  
*Christmas, 1859.*



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## The Inward Call.

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"DO YOU TRUST THAT YOU ARE INWARDLY MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST TO TAKE UPON YOU THIS OFFICE AND MINISTRATION, TO SERVE GOD FOR THE PROMOTING OF HIS GLORY, AND THE EDIFYING OF HIS PEOPLE?"

"Answer.—I TRUST SO."

*Office for the Ordination of Deacons.*

"DO YOU THINK IN YOUR HEART, THAT YOU BE TRULY CALLED, ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE ORDER OF THIS UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, TO THE ORDER AND MINISTRY OF PRIESTHOOD?"

"Answer.—I THINK IT."

*Office for the Ordination of Priests.*