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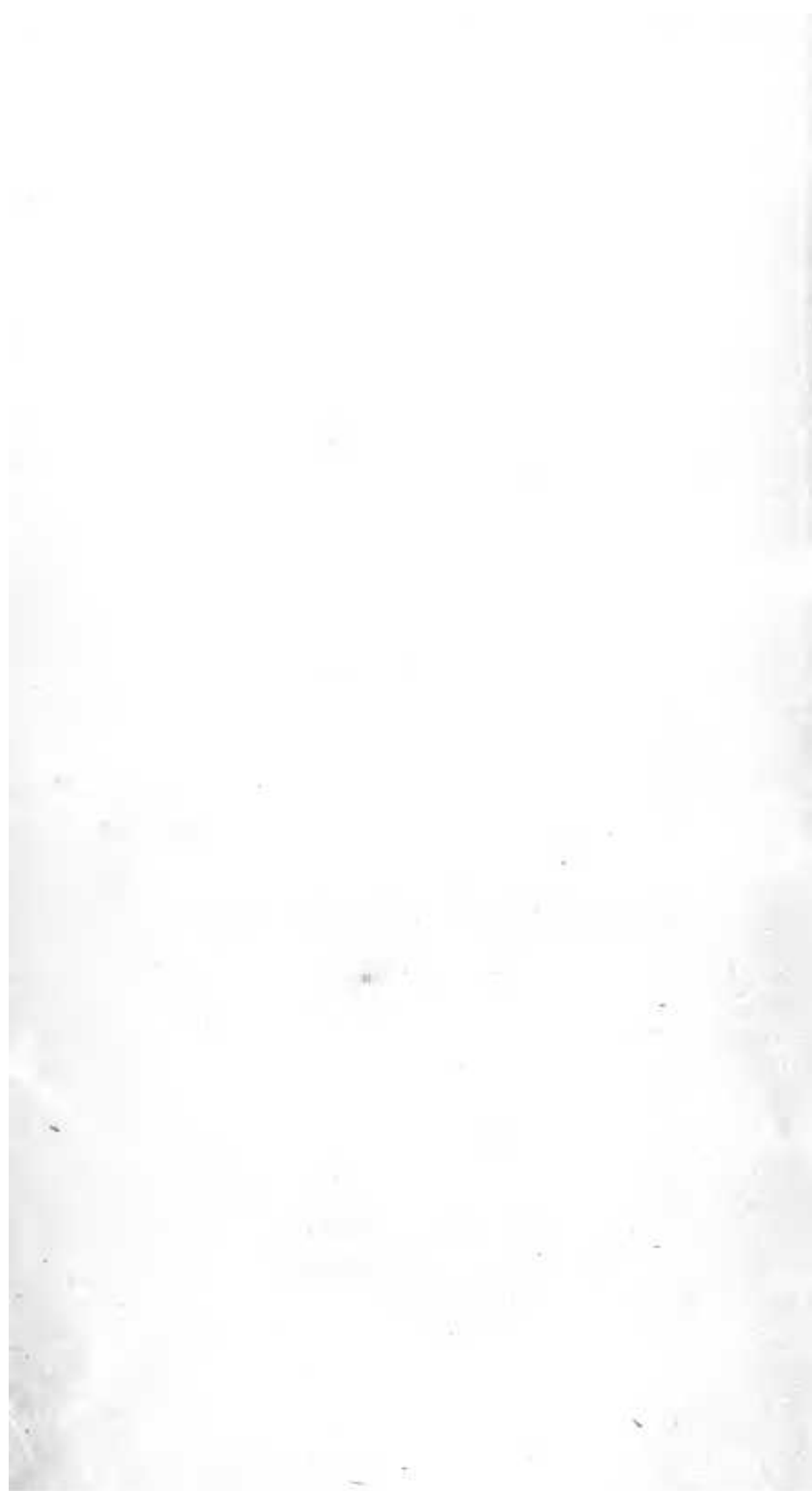
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EXTRACT
FROM
THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF THE
REV. JOHN BAMPTON,
CANON OF SALISBURY.

— “ 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 hereinafter mentioned; that is to
“ say, I will and appoint 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 endowment
“ of eight Divinity Lecture Sermons, 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 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 commencement 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 preached upon either of the
“ following Subjects—to confirm and establish the Christ-
“ ian Faith, and to confute all heretics and schismatics
“ —upon the divine authority of the holy Scriptures—
“ upon the authority of the writings of the primitive Fa-
“ thers, as to the faith and practice of the primitive Church
“ —upon the Divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
“ Christ—upon the Divinity 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 College, and one copy to the Mayor
“ of the city of Oxford, and one copy to be put into the
“ Bodleian Library; and the expense of printing them shall
“ be paid out of the revenue of the Land 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 person shall be
“ qualified to preach the Divinity Lecture Sermons, un-
“ less 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.”

P R E F A C E.

I AM well aware that the following pages leave untouched many points which are necessary to a full exposition of the idea on which my Lectures are founded. In a subject, which practically includes the whole of theology, time and space forbade my following it out to its extreme limits, or going into all the details; I was therefore obliged to content myself with taking the more salient points, and those which promised to afford most opportunities for the illustration and application of the principle with reference to the theological questions of the day—and even in these prominent points I have found myself compelled to pass by much which properly belongs to their full consideration. As some of these points are treated of at length in my published volume of Whitehall

Sermons, I hope I may be held excused for occasionally referring to what I have there said on the possibility and impossibility of pardon—the value and worthlessness of good works—sins of infirmity and sins deadly—confession and absolution—times of fasting, &c.

I had intended to follow the example of my predecessors in adding an appendix: but as I find it impossible to do justice to so wide a subject in the time specified in the founder's will for sending round copies to those who are entitled to them, I think it best to publish the Lectures alone; should it seem desirable that what I have advanced should be supported by quotations, or further illustrations or arguments, I may at any time put forth an Appendix as a separate volume.

Cuerleon, Aug. 3, 1857.