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S E R M O N S

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UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD,  
IN THE YEAR 1783,

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

BY JOHN COBBS, D.D.  
FELLOW OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

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— γνώσθε τὴν ἀλήθειαν, καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια ἐλευθερώσει ὑμᾶς.  
Jo. c. 8. v. 32.

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TO THE REVEREND  
THE HEADS OF COLLEGES,  
THE FOLLOWING SERMONS,  
PREACHED  
AT THEIR APPOINTMENT,  
ARE,  
WITH GREAT RESPECT,  
INSCRIBED.

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*Extract from the last Will and Testament 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 Univerfity of Oxford  
“ for ever, to have and to hold all and fin-  
“ gular the faid Lands or Estates upon truft,  
“ and to the intents and purpofes herein after-  
“ mentioned; that is to fay, I will and ap-  
“ point, that the Vice-Chancellor of the  
“ Univerfity of Oxford for the time being  
“ fhall take and receive all the rents, iffues,  
“ and profits thereof, and (after all taxes,  
“ reparations, and neceffary deductions made)  
“ that he pay all the remainder to the en-  
“ dowment of eight Divinity Lecture Ser-  
“ mons, to be eftablifhed for ever in the faid  
“ Univerfity, and to be performed in the  
“ manner following :

“ I direct and appoint, that, upon the firft  
“ Tuefday 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, and one copy to the Mayor of the  
“ City

“ 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 person  
“ shall be qualified to preach the Divinity  
“ Lecture Sermons, unless he hath taken the  
“ Degree of Master of Arts at least, in one  
“ of the two Universities of Oxford or Cam-  
“ bridge; and that the same person shall  
“ never preach the Divinity Lecture Sermons  
“ twice.”