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AT THE

LECTURE FOUNDED BY THE REV. JOHN BAMPTON, M.A.

CANON OF SALISBURY.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

TWO SERMONS

ON THE

INFLUENCES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

PREACHED

BEFORE THE UNIVERSITY ON WHITSUNDAY,

1845.

BY THE LATE

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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
“ Chaneclor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of
“ Oxford for ever, to have and to hold all and singular 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-Chaneclor 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 ne-
“ cessary 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 per-
“ formed 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 adjoining 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 Christian 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 Fathers, 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, unless 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.

It is probably in the recollection of most of those into whose hands the following pages will fall, that the late Bishop of Sodor and Man, in consequence of his appointment to the Bampton Lectureship for this year, had commenced the course in the last Lent Term, and had delivered only two Lectures when he was seized by the illness which terminated fatally in the following April.

Under these circumstances it is scarcely necessary to say, the usual publication is impossible; but several highly valued friends, in the University and elsewhere, have expressed a strong desire to see the publication of the discourses already delivered, and of as much of the remainder as might appear on examination to be sufficiently finished to be presented

to the public. It was found that the two Lectures next in succession were nearly completed; but of the rest none were sufficiently advanced even to be submitted to their friendly inspection. It is in compliance with the wishes, and in deference to the opinion of these kind friends, that the following discourses were committed to the press.

By the same advice are subjoined two Sermons delivered in St. Mary's, on Whitsunday, 1845. They are connected with the Bampton Lectures as well by an incidental bearing on the same topics, as by the circumstance of their being delivered before the University. Together with the Bampton Lectures they complete the short list of discourses delivered by the late Bishop from the University pulpit.

M. S.

Wyaston, October, 1847.

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