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FROM THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

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REV. JOHN BAMPTON,

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"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 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 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 expenses 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."

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