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THE BISHOP PADDOCK LECTURES.

IN the summer of the year 1880, GEORGE A. JARVIS of Brooklyn, N. Y., moved by his sense of the great good which might thereby accrue to the cause of CHRIST and to the Church, of which he was an ever grateful member, gave to the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church certain securities exceeding in value eleven thousand dollars for the foundation and maintenance of a Lectureship in said Seminary.

Out of love to a former Pastor and enduring friend, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Henry Paddock, D.D., Bishop of Massachusetts, he named his Foundation "THE BISHOP PADDOCK LECTURESHIP."

The deed of trust declares that:

"The subjects of the Lectures shall be such as appertain to the defence of the religion of JESUS CHRIST, as revealed in the *Holy Bible* and illustrated in the *Book of Common Prayer* against the varying errors of the day, whether materialistic, rationalistic, or professedly religious, and also to its defence and confirmation in respect of such central truths as the *Trinity*, the *Atonement*, *Justification* and the *Inspiration of the Word of God* and of such central facts as the *Church's Divine Order and Sacraments*, her historical *Reformation* and her rights and powers as a pure and National Church. And other subjects may be chosen if unanimously approved by the Board of Appointment as being both timely and also within the true intent of this Lectureship."

Under the appointment of the Board created by the Trust, viz., the Dean of the General Theological Seminary and the Bishops respectively of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Long Island, the Rt. Rev. John Williams, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Connecticut, delivered the Lectures for the year 1881 contained in this volume.

PREFATORY NOTE.

THERE are some things which I very much desire to say in the way of preface to the following lectures.

I owe it to myself to state that the request from the Founder of the Lectureship that I would be the first lecturer, and adding the subject which he wished me to take up, came to me before I was, by the terms of the deed of endowment, appointed one of those trustees empowered to select a lecturer. I was not concerned in the act of election.

Secondly, I must beg to remind any readers I may have, that to one writing in this country on the English Reformation original documents are inaccessible. All one can do is to use all care and diligence to obtain information from sources worthy of trust; to "verify references" as far as possible; and to take nothing on any one's unverified assertion. This course is, no doubt, a humbling one, in that it shuts him who adopts it up to a narrow path and leaves little

room for imagination, and still less for originality. But it is the only honest course notwithstanding its lowliness. I have referred, as far as possible, to books accessible to students of theology.

Thirdly, the lectures, printed here as five, were by stress of time and place delivered as four. A good deal therefore which now appears was omitted in the delivery.

Lastly, lectures must, unavoidably, contain repetitions of facts if not of arguments which would, under other circumstances be inadmissible. I have tried, as far as possible, to avoid them.

J. W.

April, 1881.

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