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AT THE

L E C T U R E

FOUNDED BY THE LATE

REV. JOHN BAMPTON, M.A.

CANON OF SALISEURY.

BY ROBERT MORRES, M.A.

LATE FELLOW OF BRASEN NOSE COLLEGE,

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Vice-Can. Oxon.

C. C. C.

Mar. 12. 1791.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND

AND REVEREND

THE HEADS OF COLLEGES,

THESE SERMONS,

PREACHED AT THEIR APPOINTMENT

ARE

RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED.

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 Scho-
“ lars 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 in-
“ tents and purposes hereafter 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 reparations, and necessary deductions made)
“ that he pay all the remainder to the endow-
“ ment of eight Divinity Lecture Sermons, to
“ be established forever 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 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, be-
“ tween the commencement of the last month
“ in

“ in Lent Term, and the end of the third
“ week in Aſt 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 Scrip-
“ tures—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 expence 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

“ 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 Lec-
“ ture Sermons, unless he hath taken the De-
“ gree 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.”