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EXTRACT

FROM THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF THE LATE

REV. JOHN BAMPTON,

CANON OF SALISBUEY.

----- " I give and bequeath my Lands and Estates to the " Chancellor, 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-Chancellor of the University of Ox-" ford for the time being shall take and receive all the reats, " issues, and profits thereof, and (after all taxes, reparations, " and necessary deductions made) that he pay all the re-" mainder to the endowment of eight Divinity Lecture Ser-" mons, to be established for ever 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, between the commencement of the last month in " Lent Term, and the end of the third week in Act Term.

vi Extract from Canon Bampton's Will.

" Also I direct and appoint, that the eight Divinity Lecture " Sermons shall be preached on either of the following Sub-" jerts—to confirm and establish the Christian Faith, and to " confute all heretics and schismatics—upon the divine au-" thority of the holy Scriptures—upon the authority of the " writings of the primitive Fathers, as to the faith and prac-" tice 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 pat into the Bod-" leian 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 Ser-"mons twice."

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IN THE

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PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In publishing a Second Edition of these Lectures, I am auxious to say a few words of Preface which may tend to explain some points in them which I cannot but fear have been somewhat misunderstood.

I do not attempt to explain more fully or to defend more completely the main thesis of the Lectures, namely, the maintenance of the twofold theory of the Collective and the Personal Priesthood, or, which is the same thing put into a different shape, the Compatibility of the Plenary Powers of the Universal Church dating from the great Pentceost, with the Organic or Representative Powers of the Priesthood, dating from the gift of the Holy Spirit by the breath of Christ, as recorded in the twentieth chapter of St. John.

Well aware as I am that the subject is most imperfectly and superficially discussed in the Lectures, I must yet leave it as it stands, believing the view which I have taken to be just and true in the main, and if just and true, certainly important, particularly at this time and in regard to the present circumstances and needs of the Church.

But those circumstances bring one point of the theory into very particular and exceptional prominence,—I mean the position and authority of lay-people in Church