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Preface

THE HULSEAN LECTURESHIP, which has been held by many distinguished Churchmen, has hitherto been confined to clergymen of the Church of England. Under a recent statute of the University it has now been thrown open without any such limitation. But this is only the latest stage in a movement which had already led to the opening of the higher degree in Divinity to all, irrespective of their denomination, who are held by competent scholars to be worthy of the Doctorate. These significant steps were taken on the initiative of the Divinity Professors. But they met with the hearty concurrence of the University, as being only consistent with the spirit by which it is characterised, a habit of ignoring all distinctions ecclesiastical and other, and estimating men by the contribution they can severally make to the common life and thought.

As the honour has fallen to me of being the first to enjoy the extended privilege in each case, I welcome the opportunity of recording these changes and acknowledging the spirit by which they have been inspired. The earliest manifestation of that spirit in our ecclesiastical field was seen possibly in the cordiality with which the University authorities welcomed my predecessors when Westminster College was removed to Cambridge in 1899. That

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cordiality has been continued to their successors. And as it has extended also to our colleagues at Cheshunt College and Wesley House, the Theological Colleges which followed later, it is their express desire to associate themselves with the acknowledgment I now make.

We have specially appreciated the opportunities which have been given to us by the Divinity Faculty of serving as members of the Faculty Board and of the Degree Committee, and as Examiners for the Tripos, and so taking our share in maintaining the tradition of sacred learning in the University.

The lectures which follow appear practically as they were delivered, with the addition of a few paragraphs which were omitted for lack of time.

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February 1930

The opportunity of reprinting has been used for the correction of some mistaken references and for the addition of some Detached Notes and an Index of Texts. I owe the Index to the spontaneous kindness of Donald Matheson, whose memory is still cherished by those who knew him both at Oxford and at Cambridge.

C. A. S.

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