

Obituaries

St. Edmund, Salisbury

REV. HERBERT HAWES, D.D.

Jan. 17. At Salisbury, aged 72, the Rev. Herbert Hawes, D.D. Prebendary of Sarum, Rector of St. Edmund's Salisbury, and of Mellis, co. Suffolk.

He was the only son of the Rev. John Hawes, M.A. of Salisbury, and with the exception of female cousins, was the last surviving descendant of the worthy old angler Isaak Walton (see pedigree recently published in Pickering's edition of the "Complete Angles," edited by Sir Harris Nicolas).

He was matriculated of Oriel College, Oxford, Oct. 11, 1782; and graduated B.A.1786, M.A. 1789, B.D. 1800, D.D. 1810. He was collated to the rectory of St. Edmund's Salisbury, in 1802, by Bishop Douglas; presented to Mellis in the same year by the Lord Chancellor, and collated to the prebend of Grimston and Yatminster in the Cathedral Church of Sarum, in 1830, by Bishop Burgess.

Dr. Hawes has by his will bequeathed to the Library of the Cathedral of Salisbury an extensive collection of books in the learned languages, and a valuable series of works of Divinity, embracing the writings of the most eminent British Divines. He has left to the National Gallery the original portrait (by Housman) of this ancestor, Isaak Walton, the celebrated piscator; and has bequeathed legacies to the undermentioned charitable and benevolent institutions, contingent upon the life of an individual aged upwards of 72: viz. – Salisbury National School £100

Magdalen Hospital London £100

Wilts Clergy Charity £100

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge £100

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts £100

London Church of England National Society of Educating the Poor £200

To the minister and churchwardens of the parish of St. Edmund's, Sarum, the sum of ten guineas; and to the several ministers of Bemerton, Wilts, and Mellis, Suffolk, the sum of five guineas each, to be distributed amongst the aged and infirm poor of the several parishes. The Doctor's executor, animated by a like spirit of liberality, has presented to Mr. Pickering, the publisher of the splendid edition of Isaak Walton's works (which was dedicated to Dr. Hawes), the identical prayer-book used by the amiable and illustrious Piscator; and to the Rev. W.L. Bowles, the author of the Life of Bishop Ken (also dedicated to the deceased), the same gentleman has presented a scarcely less valuable gift, being the watch worn by the excellent Prelate of whom Mr. Bowles has proved himself so able a biographer.

It is doing barely justice to Dr. Hawes to say, that from his illustrious and celebrated ancestor, he inherited the same active benevolence, having for nearly forty years presided at the annual meeting for widows and orphans of the Clergy; and exhibiting the same inflexible attachment to the orthodox principles of the Church – in the language of Bishop Ken's last will and testament – "equally removed from Papacy and Puritanism."

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