

"REYNOLDS, EDWARD.

The works of the Right Reverend Father in God, Edward Reynolds, D.D., late Lord Bishop of Norwich (...) with a collection of thirty sermons preached on several occasions. (Including:) Explication of the Hundred and Tenth Psalm (1677, fifth edition)... - [""THE BEST FOLIO EDITION""]

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Savoy (London), Printed by Tho. Newcomb sold by Robert Boulter, 1679. Folio (370 x 245 mm). In contemporary full calf with six raised bands. Wear to extremities, corners bumped with loss of leather. Internally nice and clean. (18), 1123 pp. + frontispiece (lacking last 15 pp.).

Comment: Rare first edition of the second collected folio of Reynolds works, according to Lowndes: "The best folio edition". Reynolds was highly regarded as a preacher. "Many prized his written sermons and religious treatises. Collections of his works were first published in 1658 and 1679, followed by a complete six-volume edition in 1826." (Beeke & Pedersen, Meet the Puritans) Edward Reynolds, bishop of Norwich, was born in Southampton in 1599. He was educated at Merton College, Oxford, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1618. He became a fellow in 1620, due to his ability in Greek, debate, and oratory. Later, he received a Master of Arts degree (1624) and a Doctor of Divinity degree (1648) from Cambridge. "Reynolds was chosen dean of Christ Church College (1648-51, 1659) and vice-chancellor of the university (1648-50). From 1657 to 1661, he served as vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, so he was again heard in London. After Cromwell's death in 1658, Reynolds became a leader of the Presbyterian clergy. He preached to Richard Cromwell's Parliament several times in 1659 and 1660, counseling that radical political and doctrinal opinions be suppressed but that differences on secondary issues be tolerated. At the Restoration, he and Edmund Calamy were appointed chaplains to the king." (Beeke & Pedersen, Meet the Puritans). Lowndes IV, p. 2077.

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