SPARK, THOMAS (1655 - 1692), cleric and classical scholar

Name: Thomas Spark
Date of birth: 1655
Date of death: 1692
Parent: Archibald Spark
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and classical scholar
Area of activity: History and Culture; Religion; Scholarship and Languages
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son of Archibald Spark, minister of Northop, Flintshire. Educated at Westminster School, he was in 1672 elected to a scholarship at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. 1676, M.A. 1679, B.D. 1687/8, and D.D. 1691. In 1682 he was chosen to deliver the first Bodley oration. He became chaplain to Sir George Jeffreys, and in 1686 he was given the prebend of Offley in the cathedral of Lichfield. He was made rector of Ewhurst, Surrey, 1687/8, and also of Hog's Norton, Leicestershire. In 1688 he was given a prebend in the cathedral of Rochester. In addition to Latin verses in the *Musae Anglicanae* and in the Oxford collection of commemorative verse in honour of Charles II, Spark published editions of the *Historia Nova* of Zosimus, 1679, and of the extant works of Lactantius, 1684. He died 7 September 1692.

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