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"I AM THAT I AM: . . . this is my NAME for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."—*Ezod. iii. 14, 16.*

"Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand THE SCRIPTURES, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached IN HIS NAME among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—*St. Luke, xxiv. 45, 46, 47.*

" . . . Toute la science intellectuelle et religieuse est renfermée dans cette grande parole de Saint Athanase: 'Comme l'âme rationnelle et la chair ne font qu'UN HOMME, de même le Dieu et l'homme ne font qu'UN JÉSUS CHRIST: sicut anima rationalis et caro UNUS EST HOMO, ita Deus et homo UNUS EST CHRISTUS.'"—*Le Père Ventura de Baulica.*

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PREFACE.

AN attempt is made in the following pages to render the symbol of the Christian faith, called after the name of Athanasius, in some degree more intelligible and practical as a form of doctrine, by placing in as clear a light as possible what appears to be its genuine meaning and purport, and by directing special attention to what may be said to be its one cardinal principle, expressed in these words—"As the reasonable soul and flesh is ONE MAN: so God and man is ONE CHRIST."

The leading points of the exposition here presented, formed the subject of an afternoon discourse delivered in the Parish Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Trinity Sunday, 1868; and again, in the present year, on the occasion of inaugurating a Sunday Morning Service in the Vestry Hall of the same Parish, previous to the taking down of the Old Church.

The method adopted on both occasions, of treating a most difficult and almost totally neglected part of our Divine Service, called forth numerous and unexpected expressions of cordial approval from in-