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pastors ; and many distinguished men showed a sincere attachment to the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. Amongst these may be mentioned Feneburg and Winkelhofer, who lived near the close of the eighteenth century ; and subsequently Sailer, De Wessenburg, Jahn, Hug, and others. The instructions of Sailer appear to have exercised great influence upon the mind of Boos.

Through the labours of these, and other like-minded men, many were brought to a saving knowledge of Christ ; and by means of a Society established among the Roman Catholics in Bavaria for the purpose, the Bible, in the German language, was very widely circulated. Many of the people went beyond their teachers ; carrying out their views with more consistency and courage ; and having discovered the errors of Popery they rejected them entirely, and walked in the light and liberty of the gospel, though encompassed with persecutions and trials.

The following memoir is abridged from a Life of Martin Boos, by Johannes Gossner, of Berlin, who was formerly an intimate friend and a coadjutor of Boos ; and who, like him, suffered much persecution for the cause of Christ.

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LIFE OF MARTIN BOOS.

CHAPTER I.

Birth and Education.

MARTIN BOOS was born December 25, 1762, at Hulbenried, on the confines of Upper Bavaria and Suabia. His father was a respectable farmer, with a stock of twenty cows and four horses. His mother had sixteen children, of whom he was the youngest but two. He was scarcely five years old when both his parents were carried off, within a fortnight of each other, by an epidemic which proved fatal to numbers in that part of the country. They left twelve orphans, the eldest, a girl of eighteen; but He who "feedeth the young ravens when they cry," provided homes for them in the families of their nearest relatives, who divided the orphans amongst them.

On Whit-Monday Martin's eldest sister, with her little brother on her back, set off on foot to the city of Augsburg, where they had an uncle named Koegel, who held the offices of fiscal and ecclesiastical counsellor. Tired