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PREFACE.

THESE Lectures were preached in the Parish Church at Cranbrook, by the late Rev. Thomas King, at that time Incumbent of the District Church at Sissinghurst, in the same parish.

The false doctrines to which they refer were, unhappily, prevalent in that neighbourhood, and it was the wish of the Rev. James Boys that a series of discourses on the subject should be delivered by his valued friend and neighbour. Mr. King willingly undertook the duty, and treated the difficult questions involved so

ably and so practically that considerable impression was made at the time, and it is trusted that the minds of many were established in the truth as it is in Jesus. Even opponents were constrained to own the ability and the faithful love with which the venerable minister of Christ contended earnestly for what he knew to be the faith once delivered to the saints.

It is felt that the publication of these Lectures may be useful to many, and they are now committed to the press with the hope and prayer that God the Holy Spirit may make them instrumental in the blessed work of glorifying the Lord Jesus, the Eternal Son of the Father.

The faithful servant of God, who, being dead, yet speaketh in these pages,

had but this one supreme desire in composing these Lectures, and the Editor humbly prays that such may be the result of their publication.

Many interesting particulars might be added respecting the esteemed Author, but are omitted lest they should be considered unsuitable for a mere preface. It may, however, be stated that the Rev. Thomas King was presented by the late Earl Cornwallis to the living of Linton, Kent, in the year 1849, where, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian patience, he died November 12, 1855.

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PREFATORY NOTE.

As there may be some readers of these Lectures who may wish for an historical account of the Creed itself, the following Note is added by the Editor:—

The doctrines of Arius, which were first proposed at Alexandria, found a native of the same city to oppose them; and this was Athanasius. At the Council of Nice, in Bithynia, he was a deacon attending on the Patriarch of Alexandria, and the great maintainer of the Catholic doctrine against the novelties of Arius. He soon after was elected Patriarch of Alexandria himself.

His writings are come down to our