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PREFACE

IN preparing this lecture I have made large use of my book, '*Das Dogma von der Dreieinigkeit und Gottmenschheit in seiner geschichtlichen Entwicklung dargestellt*' (Tübingen, Mohr, 1905), which forms part of Professor Weinel's well-known series '*Lebensfragen.*' Indeed, I might say, that what is said in the lecture is to some extent the essence of what is said in the book. Perhaps I should have given more of the evidence in the printed lecture. But

on second thoughts I prefer to leave it as it stands, and refer those readers, who may want a closer insight into the development indicated in the second part of the lecture, to the book just named. This is especially the case with regard to the origin and development of the Œcumenical Creeds.

I am quite conscious that experts will not find in the lecture anything new to them. But I had not them in view when I composed it. It was intended for those who have little or no acquaintance with the historical development of ideas which force themselves upon the minds of many amongst us with increasing power ; and especially for those who, while becoming ever more uncertain about the validity of Creeds and Dogma,

cannot yet see their way to true religion without them. And thus I hope that my lecture may be useful in the missionary work of the Association which invited me to give it.

The lecture was delivered in Essex Hall, London, on 9 June, and repeated in Manchester College, Oxford, 12 June.

I have to acknowledge my sincere thanks to a clergyman from Ireland who kindly translated the lecture.

G. K.

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