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## PREFACE.

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I AM not unaware, that the field of research, occupied by this work, has been traversed by another, even within a quarter of a century.\* There seems to be room enough, however, for us both; for my reverend predecessor took altogether a Trinitarian view of this Council. On page twenty-nine of his book, I find the following statement of the learned author:

“The remarkable unanimity of the Synod on the subject of our Saviour’s true and proper Divinity, the only one examined by that convention, which excites much interest at the present day, may be considered, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, as affording a powerful confirmation of the truth of this important doctrine.”

I chose the documentary style, on account of its simplicity, and because it would preclude the necessity of my passing judgment upon the motives and characters of those

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\* The following is the title of the book referred to: “A Historical View of the Council of Nice, etc., by Rev. Isaac Boyle, A. M.” Boston: 1836. 8vo., 62 pages.

early Christian fathers, whose propriety and righteousness many deem unquestionable, and not to be doubted by any ordinary writer without displaying, in him, unpardonable malignity.

Since beginning this compilation, several antiquarian friends have kindly encouraged the enterprise, as being an appropriate and needful work; and, at the same time, they have advised me to undertake, next, a history of the Bible; which may, ere long, be done, many materials for that purpose having been already collected.

D. D.

Boston, July 25, 1850.

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