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THIS Discourse is placed in form for preservation at the request of the bodies before whom it was delivered. Prepared for delivery at the Anniversary of the Newton Theological Institution, it is printed as spoken at that time. The historical importance of some of the subjects discussed in the Notes, will justify, it is believed, the extended space which they occupy. The Confessions of 1643 and of 1689 are inserted, because, though absolutely essential to the knowledge of Baptist doctrinal history, they are to most readers now inaccessible. The pages here given to the public are partial fruits of studies pursued through many years by the writer, and he will

be abundantly compensated if they shall become the occasion to others of kindred researches, and kindred pleasure and profit. He believes that studies in our denominational history will increase our reverence for those who have gone before us, and contribute, by the blessing of God, to restore somewhat of their superior efficiency in promoting the kingdom of our Lord, and the salvation of men.

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