

secondary issues, great disputes were held two centuries later as to whether or not he had been orthodox. He is not to be followed on his divergences, but his influence was on the whole definitely Christian and a help to the progress of the Christian religion.

Origen was a great student of the Bible and one of the first great collectors of manuscripts. He made an arrangement of the Old Testament in which he gave the Hebrew, and the various Greek translations in parallel columns, showing by special indicators what he thought to be the correct text. This important work consumed many years of his life.

After Origen had completed more than thirty years of active teaching and writing, another severe persecution broke out and he was haled before the judges. Proudly he declared his belief in Jesus Christ. He was sentenced to severe torture, and then released. As a result of the suffering that he underwent, he died shortly afterwards. He was a true martyr for the faith of our Lord.

His writings,
These ~~pieces of literature~~, which are called the Ante-Nicene Fathers, because they were written before the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., are not worthy of comparison with the study of the Bible itself. Yet in the literary works of some of these great Christians of ancient times, we find ourselves face to face with noble characters who strengthen our love of Christ and encourage our hearts to go forward and to serve Him in the problems of our present day.