

I think this should be a warning to us - before you allow your name to be used in any connection, be sure it is something that won't bring you difficulty later on. We will see what the difficulty was in a few minutes, but for the present we are satisfied with simply repeating again what we said before. Now after Theodosius had become emperor and there no longer was the imperial power of Valens standing for Arianism and making it impossible in the capital city to have any preaching of the Nicene Creed, Gregory went in there and with the whole populace standing against the Nicene Creed, managed to get started in a little place where he started preaching. The more intelligent of the people began to get word about this wonderful preacher who was there and began to come to hear him. Soon his crowd increased, there were riots and people attacking to try to put a stop to the work, but he pushed on and in the course of about 1½ years, was able to build up a following there which was quite numerous and particularly when it included the best thinkers and the most intelligent people of the city. He did a great work in preparing the way toward the downfall of Arianism in the Capital city where Valens and Constantius before him had insisted that nothing else should be preached. Gregory later had a very great disappointment but that is best presented with topic G. and we are still in F. So instead of going on to that now, we will wait and go on to #6. This is another which has points we will mention later but chronologically it is wise to mention how it comes in at this point. It is a difficult problem in the presentation of history to take a subject or a man and deal with it straight through which is more interesting than to touch on this and that, get the interrelation of men's activities in the different movements is such that we have to understand it in order to understand why they did what they did. That is why I am stressing that when we speak of a certain area of the empire, that we go through later on and see all that happened in that area. When we take a different time, I'd like to take a movement like Arianism and go through and at the same time take a section or a particular part of a century and deal with all the important events that happened in that century. We are not strictly following one method or the other in our outline but trying to give you the material which 7½