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## THE LABORS OF ORIGEN.

MOST of our readers will have heard or read of Origen. He was born in Alexandria, A.D. 185. His father, Leonidas died a martyr, and he was thus left early to his own resources. In his early manhood he gained a subsistence in Alexandria, by giving instruction in Greek philology and literature, and was subsequently ordained a presbyter at Cæserea. With strong religious and philosophic tendencies in his nature, and an industry which knew not weariness, he became one of the most copious and eminent of the early Christian writers. Neander styles him the creator of sacred literature among the Christians. From the pages of this historian we here abridge some account of his literary labors.\*

Origen had a friend called Ambrosius, whom he used to call his *work-driver*. He not only excited him by his questions and challenges to many inquiries, but also employed his great wealth in providing him with the means

\* For the account in full, see Ch. Hist., Vol. I, *Torrey's Translation*.