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We may now summarize: The Talmud assigns the origin of the Kiddush to the men of the Great Synagogue. Although only fragments of the text occur or are alluded to in the Talmud, there is enough to establish that the prayer in its present form is essentially the original text. Kiddush, as found in the earliest books of prayer, is nearly identical to our present text; and, although Jewish communities were widely scattered from China to Europe, our present text has been retained throughout the world and shows very little variation, thus indicating its wide acceptance at a very early date. Evidence as to the age of our text is found also in the fact that it is possible to reconstruct from the early Christian eucharistic prayer(s) a prayer nearly identical both in style and content to our present text of Kiddush. All of these lines of evidence come together to indicate that our present text of Kiddush is essentially the original text.

CORRECTION

The editors sincerely regret that in the last stage of composition, after the page proofs had been read, a serious error came into the article "Albigenses and Waldenses" by Daniel Walther in the July, 1968, number of *AUSS* (Vol. VI, No. 2), p. 180. Please note that lines 1-3 under heading "I" should precede lines 1-3 at the top of the page, in reverse order: 3, 2, 1.