known of any that have remained to us  
from antiquity.’ Conybeare and Howson,  
ii. p. 83, note 3.

**31. certain of the  
chief of Asia**] Literally, **of the Asiarchs.**These Asiarchs were officers elected by the  
cities of the province of Asia to preside  
over their games and religious festivals.  
Of these it would be natural that the one  
who for the time presided would bear the  
title of “*the Asiarch:*” but no more is  
known of such presidency. The Asiarch  
Philip at Smyrna is mentioned by Eusebius  
as presiding in the amphitheatre at the  
martyrdom of Polycarp. These Ephesian  
games in honour of Artemis took place in  
May, which whole month (another singular coincidence with the practices of  
idolatrous Christendom) was sacred to, and  
named *Artemisian after*, the goddess.

**33. drew forth**] i.e. **urged forward**,  
through the crowd; the Jews pushing him  
on from behind.—Alexander does not seem  
to be mentioned elsewhere (but see on  
2 Tim. iv. 14). He appears to have been  
a Christian convert from Judaism, whom  
the Jews were willing to expose as a  
victim to the fury of the mob: or perhaps  
one of themselves, put forward to clear  
them of blame on the occasion.

**34.  
when they knew that he was a Jew**] They  
would hear nothing from a Jew, as being  
an enemy of image-worship.

**35.**] **The  
townclerk** is the nearest English office  
corresponding to that here mentioned in  
the original. He was the keeper of the  
archives, and public reader of decrees, &c.,  
in the assemblies. The word here  
rendered **worshipper** probably means a  
**virger**, or adorner of the temple: here used  
as implying that Ephesus had the charge  
and keeping of the temple. The title is  
found on inscriptions as belonging to  
Ephesus; and seems to have been specially  
granted by the emperors to particular  
cities.

**of the image which fell down  
from Jupiter**] To give peculiar sanctity to  
various images, it was given out that they  
had fallen from heaven. See examples in  
my Greek Test. This artifice also has been  
imitated by the paganized Christianity of  
the wretched Church of Rome.

**37.**] From this verse it appears that Paul had