and, it may be, Julius. At ver. 10, a *special  
reason* had occurred for his honouring Paul  
and his company: at present, Publius’s  
hospitality must have been prompted by  
the courtesy of Julius, who could hardly  
fail himself to be included in it. The  
three days were probably till they could  
find a suitable lodging.

**8. fevers**]  
Hippocrates also uses the plural. 1t probably

indicates the recurrence of fever fits.

**a bloody flux**] **dysentery**. Dr.  
Falconer makes this an argument against  
Malta being meant. “Such a place, dry  
and rocky, and remarkably healthy, was  
not likely to produce a disease which is  
almost peculiar to moist situations.” But  
Mr. Smith answers, that the changed circumstances

of the island might produce  
this change also: and besides, that he is  
informed by a physician of Valetta, that  
the disease is by no means uncommon in  
Malta.

**laid his hands on him**] It is  
remarkable, that so soon after the ‘*taking  
up of serpents*,’ we should read of Paul  
having ‘*laid his hands on the sick and  
they recovered*.’ See the two in close  
connexion, Mark xvi. 18.

**10. with  
many honours**] The ordinary interpretation

of this as *rewards, gifts*, may be right,  
but is not necessary. The other meaning,  
that these were really honours, is rendered  
probable by the form of the sentence,  
which opposes to these “*honours*,” bestowed

on them during their whole stay,  
**such things as were necessary**, with  
which they were loaded at their departure.  
Render it therefore **honoured us with  
many honours** (or *‘distinctions*,’ or *‘attentions’*).

**11.**] They probably set  
sail (see on ch. xxvii. 9) not earlier than  
the sixth of the ides of March (i. e.  
March 10).

**whose sign was** [lite-  
rally, **with the sign (of)**] **the Dioscuri**]  
The ancient ships carried at their prow  
a painted or carved representation of the  
sign which furnished their name, and at  
the stern a similar one of their tutelar  
deity. Sometimes these were one and the  
same, as appears to have been the case  
with this ship. Castor and Pollux (the  
Dioscuri,—sons of Zeus), sons of Jupiter  
and Leda, were considered the tutelar  
deities of sailors.

**12.**] Syracuse is  
about eighty miles, a day’s sail, from  
Malta.

**13.**] This **fetching a compass**  
apparently denotes the roundabout course  
of a vessel tacking with an adverse wind.  
That the wind was not favourable, follows  
from what is said below. Mr. Lewin’s  
account is, “As the wind was westerly,  
and they were under shelter of the high  
mountainous range of Etna on their left,  
they were obliged to stand out to sea in  
order to fill their sails, and so came to  
Rhegium by a circuitous sweep.” And he  
cites a case of a passage from Syracuse to  
Rhegium, in which a similar circuit was  
taken for a sim reason, p. 736. The  
at Rhegium, as perhaps the three at  
Syracuse before, was spent probably in  
waiting for the wind.

**the south  
wind having sprung up**,—succeeded the  
one which blew before.

**the second  
day**] viz. *after leaving Rhegium:* a distance