**{9} door**, see reff.: *an opportunity of action,*

**great** refers to the *extent* of the  
action thus opened before him: **effectual**  
to its requirements: neither of them (though  
“*great*” *may be referred to a door*) properly   
agreeing with the figure, but both  
with the reality.

**many adversaries**] See Acts xix. 9, 23 ff.

**10, 11.**] *Recommendation of Timothy to  
their good reception and offices.*—He had  
preceded Paul (Acts xix. 22) in the journey  
to Macedonia, From the expression **if  
Timothy come**, it would appear to have  
been *probable*, but not quite certain, that  
he would visit them. In ch. iv. 17 he is  
described as sent on *for that purpose:* so  
that the **if** may merely refer to the necessary   
uncertainties of the journey.

**10. without fear**] There must have been  
some special reason for this caution respecting   
Timothy besides that assigned by  
Meyer, &c., that he would naturally be depreciated   
as only a subordinate of Paul,  
whom so many of them opposed. His  
youth occurs to us, mentioned 1 Tim. iv. 12:  
but even that is not enough, and would  
hardly be intended here without some reference   
to it. De Wette’s conjecture may  
not be without foundation, that he was  
perhaps of a *timid disposition*. Meyer objects   
that we have no historical trace of  
this: but I think some are to be found in  
1 Tim.:—e. g. iii. 15 (see note) ; v. 22, 23.

**the work of the Lord**] See ch. xv.  
58, note.

**11, in peace**] without strife  
and contention.

**for I look for him**]  
“He says this,” observes Chrysostom, “as a  
caution to them, in order that, knowing that  
whatever treatment Timothy should receive  
at their hands would be reported to the  
Apostle, they might be more courteous to  
him:” “and at the same time,” adds Theophylact,   
“making Timothy more the object  
of their respect, when they heard how  
important he was to the Apostle, so that he  
expected him.” By **with the brethren**  
it would appear, comparing ver. 12, that  
more brethren besides Erastus (Acts xix.  
22) accompanied Timotheus to Macedonia.

**12.**] *Of Apollos: that he was not willing  
at present to go to them.* He excuses  
Apollos from coming that the Corinthians  
might not imagine that the hindrance had  
arisen from *him*, the Apostle. Meyer remarks,   
perhaps the Corinthians had expressly   
desired that Apollos should be sent  
to them.

**with the brethren**] perhaps,  
those who went with Timotheus (see above):  
perhaps those who were to bear this letter,  
ver. 17.

**and**] not ‘*but:*’ it merely  
couples the exhortation with its result.

**convenient time**] The present time  
not seeming to him a suitable one: apparently   
on account of the divisions hinted at  
in the beginning of the Epistle.

**13.**] “To shew them that not on their  
teachers but on themselves depended their  
hopes of salvation, he says, watch, for that