Acts xviii. 2. They had removed from  
Corinth (Acts xviii. 1) to Ephesus (ib. 26),  
and had there, as subsequently at Rome  
(xvi. 3, 5), an assembly of the faithful   
meeting in their dwelling.

**20.**] All  
the brethren—the whole Ephesian church.

**with an holy kiss**] See Rom. xvi.  
16, note.

**21—24.**] *Autograph conclusion.*   
The salutation is the *final  
greeting*, which, according to 2 Thess. iii.  
17, was *always in his own hand,* the rest  
having been written (see Rom. xvi. 22) by  
an amanuensis.

**22.**] He adds, as in  
Col. iv. 18 ; Eph. vi. 24, some exhortation,  
or solemn sentence, *in his own hand*, as  
having especial weight. On the distinction  
between the two words used for “*to love,*”  
see notes on John xxi. 15. The negation  
here of the feeling of personal affection,  
“has no love in his heart for,” is worthy  
of note, as connected with the curse which  
follows.  
  
  
**let him be Anathema**] On

**Anathema,** see note, Rom. ix. 3:–**let him be  
accursed.**  
  
  
**Maran-atha** (see A. V.)  
is an Aramaic expression for **the Lord**  
**cometh**, and is probably unconnected with  
**Anathema**, added perhaps as recalling some  
remembrance of the time when Paul was  
among them: at all events, as a weighty  
watchword tending to recall to them the  
nearness of His coming, and the duty of  
being found ready for it.

**24. My love be with you**] Because the Epistle  
had contained so much that was of a severe  
character, he concludes it with an expression   
of affection; so Chrysostom, “After so  
much fault-finding he does not turn away  
from them, but loves and embraces them,  
far off as they were:” i.e. “**my love** has  
nothing in it of human or carnal, but is  
spiritual, and in Christ.” Theophylact.