easy for any of the Apostle’s adversaries to  
maintain that the reproof had been administered from private and interested motives.  
*But he wrote, in order to bring out their  
zeal on his behalf* (i. e. to obey his command), *and make it manifest to themselves  
in God’s sight.* It was not to exhibit to  
them *his* zeal for them that he wrote, but to  
make manifest to them, to bring out among  
them, *their zeal to regard and obey him.*

**13. For this cause** (literally, **on this  
account:** on account of the fulfilment of  
this purpose) **we are comforted; but in  
addition to** (or, on the occurrence of) **our  
comfort we rejoiced very much more at  
the joy of Titus, because his spirit has  
been refreshed by you all.** A similar  
declaration to that in ver. 7, where not  
only the arrival of Titus, but his comfort wherewith he was comforted by them,  
is described as the ground of the Apostle’s  
joy. According to the received reading  
(‘*your comfort*,’ see A. V.), the sense would  
hardly represent the real state of things.

**14.]** This increased joy was produced by the verification which my former  
boasting of you to Titus now received.

**if I have boasted at all]** see one  
particular in which he boasted of them,  
ch. ix. 2.

**I was not put to shame**,  
viz., by being shewn, on Titus’ coming to  
you, to have boasted in vain :—‘ but **truthfulness was shewn** to be my constant rule  
of speech, to whomsoever I spoke.’—**But  
as we spake** (*generally*, not merely in our  
teaching) **all things to you in truth** (truthfully), **so also our boasting** (concerning  
you) **before Titus was** (was proved to be:  
*was*, as shewn by proof) **truth**. De Wette  
suggests that the Apostle had described  
(by anticipation) to Titus in glowing terms  
the affection and probable prompt obedience  
of the Corinthians, as an encouragement to  
his somewhat unwelcome journey.

**15.]** enlarges the words ‘*was found to be  
truth.*’—**And his heart is more abundantly**  
(turned) **toward you, remembering as he  
does the obedience of you all, how** (i.e.  
which was shewn in the fact that) **with fear  
and trembling ye received him.** ‘Fear and  
trembling,’ i.e. ‘lest ye should not pay  
enough regard to my injunctions and  
honour enough his mission from me.’

**16.] I rejoice** (more expressive than with  
a connecting particle) **that in every thing  
I am (re)-assured by you:** ‘am of good  
courage, in contrast to my former dejection, owing to your good conduct.’

**CHAP. VIII. 1—IX. 15.]** SECOND PART  
OF THE EPISTLE: CONCERNING THE COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS.

**1—6.]***He informs them of the readiness of the  
Macedonian churches to contribute for the  
poor saints (at Jerusalem), which led him  
also to beg of Titus to complete the collection at Corinth.* See some interesting