CH. I. **1, 2.**] {1} ADDRESS AND GREETING.  
On ver. 1, see 1 Thess. i. 1, note.

**3—12.**] INTRODUCTION. *Thanksgiving  
for their increase in faith and love, and  
their endurance under persecution* (vv. 3,  
4): *promise of a rich recompense at  
Christ’s coming* (vv. 5—10), *and good  
wishes for their Christian perfection*(vv. 11, 12).

**3.**] **as it is meet**—refers  
to the whole preceding sentence.

**because** does not state why we give thanks,  
but is dependent on the clause preceding,  
it is meet, because, &c.— “**We are bound**  
expresses the duty of thanksgiving from  
its *subjective* side as an inward conviction,  
—**as it is meet**, on the other hand, from the  
*objective* side, as something answering to  
the state of circumstances.” Lünemann.

**4.**] **we ourselves**—as well as our  
informants, and others who heard about  
you,—see 1 Thess. i. 8. There is ample  
reason for the emphasis on **we ourselves**.  
The fact of an Apostle making honourable  
mention of them in other churches was one  
which deserved this marking out, to their  
credit and encouragement.

**in the  
churches of God**] i.e. at Corinth and in  
Achaia.

**your patience and faith**]  
There is not the slightest necessity to take  
faith here in a different sense from that in  
ver. 3. The same faith which was

receiving so rich increase, was manifesting