I. **Vv. 1—3.**] ADDRESS AND GREETING.

**1**.] **prisoner of Christ Jesus**, i.e.  
one whom He (or His cause) has placed  
in bonds: compare “*the bonds of the Gospel*,” ver.13, He does not designate himself as *an apostle*, or the like, as writing familiarly, and not authoritatively.

**Timothy**] See Introd. to 1 Tim. § i. 10.

**fellow-labourer**] We cannot say  
when or how, but may well infer that it  
was at Colosse, in building up the church  
there, while the Apostle was at Ephesus: