that in ver. 5: “Furnish forth your own  
lives with these Christian graces, so shall  
be furnished to you, &c.”) **the** (or, **your**)  
**entrance** (the entrance which all Christians  
look for: not the fact of this entrance  
taking place, but the fact of its *being  
richly furnished*, or *ministered*, is that  
asserted) **into the eternal kingdom of our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**12–21.]** *The above exhortations confirmed* by the consideration of the *certainty of the power* and announced *coming  
of Christ*, as shewn 1) by *apostolic testimony*, 2) by Old Test. *prophecy*.

**12–15.]** *The Apostle holds it necessary  
to remind them of this truth, and will do  
80 up to his approaching end.*

**12.]**  
**Wherefore** (namely, because *the doing  
these things* is the only way to a rich  
participation in the blessings and glories  
of Christ’s kingdom) **I will be sure always  
to remind you concerning these things**(the things just now spoken of: in the  
widest sense: it does not merely take up  
the “*these things*” of ver. 10, nor merely  
refer to the kingdom of Christ and His  
coming), **though ye know them, and are  
confirmed** (firmly established) **in the truth  
which is present with you** (the words  
“*the present truth*,” A. V., give a wrong  
idea to the English reader: seeming to  
mean, the truth at present under notice.  
The meaning is, ‘which is [known and  
professed] among you’).

**13.]** **But**  
(notwithstanding this previously conceded  
fact, that you know and stand firm in  
the truth) **I think it right** (*why*, follows,  
ver. 14), **as long as I am in this tabernacle** (see for the sense 2 Cor. v. 1 ff.;  
and below), **to stir you up, in** (not, ‘*by:’*  
*in*, as the medium in which I strive  
towards the stirring up, and in using  
which it has place. In an English *version*, the preposition is best omitted)  
**reminding** (the same phrase occurs in  
ch. iii. 1);

**14.]** **knowing** (as I  
do: reason for *thinking it meet*) **that  
rapid is** (see below. **is**, of that which  
is to be: the normal present) **the putting off** (the two figures, of a tabernacle or tent, and a garment, are intermingled, as in 2 Cor. v. 1 ff.) **of my  
tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus  
Christ declared unto me** (the allusion is  
to John xxi. 18 ff., where a swift and  
sharp death is announced to St. Peter  
by our risen Lord. And the sentence  
does not mean to say, as commonly understood, that he must *soon* put off his  
tabernacle, but that the putting off, whenever it did come, would be sudden and  
quick. Missing this point, some have  
imagined that some other special revelation to St. Peter is implied: and such  
revelations are related in tradition. But  
even if the adjective be understood to  
mean ‘*soon,’* ‘*not far off*,’ no such inference need be drawn. For it might  
well be that advancing old age might lead  
the Apostle to the conclusion that the end  
prophesied to him could not be far off.

**15.] Moreover I will endeavour that ye  
may on every occasion have it in your  
power after my decease** (it is at least