**I. 1.**] ADDRESS. **The elder** (see Introduction  
to the two Epistles) **to Caius the beloved**   
(on Caius, see Introduction. The  
epithet **beloved** seems to be used this first  
time in a general sense,—beloved *by all:*  
see below), **whom I** (for my own part:  
Cains was generally beloved, and the  
Apostle declares that he personally joins  
in the affection for him) **love in** [**the**]  
**truth** (see 2 John 1, note).

**2-4.]**  
*Wish that Caius may prosper as his sou  
prospers: and ground of this latter assertion.*—**Beloved**   
(the repetition of the  
word is due perhaps more to the fact that  
the direct address begins here, than to any  
specific motive, such as the supposed ill  
health of Caius), **I pray that concerning  
all things** (not, as A.V., “*above all  
things*”) **thou mayest prosper and be in  
health** (i.e. bodily health), **even as thy  
soul prospereth** (as is shewn by what follows.   
There is a passage in Philo, in which  
the well-being of body and soul are similarly   
compared: that of the body referring  
to health and strength, that of the soul to  
the enjoyment of virtue).

**3.**] **For I  
rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came  
and testified to thy truth** (thy share of that  
Truth in which thou walkest, see below),  
**even as** (almost equivalent to **how that**,  
see below) **thou walkest in truth** (this  
clause is not an independent one, adding  
the testimony of the Apostle to that of  
the brethren,—“as [I know that] thou  
walkest, &c.:” but is explanatory of the  
former clause, and states the substance of  
the testimony of the brethren, as is shewn  
by what follows).

**4.**] Explains **I rejoiced greatly** above.   
**I have no greater  
joy than this** (literally, “*than these  
things*”), t**hat I hear of my children  
walking in the truth** (the expression  
**children** here seems rather to favour the  
idea that the “*Kyria*” of the 2nd Epistle  
is a Church: see Introduction to 2 John).

**5—8.**] *Praise of the hospitality shewn*