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 SECTION V.   
   
 AT WHAT PLACE IT WAS WRITTEN.   
   
 1, Our answer to this enquiry will of course depend upon the con-   
 siderations discussed in the last section. Adopting the view there   
 taken, we find Luke in Asia Minor, Syria, or Palestine (probably)   
 previously to his first journey with Paul a.p. 51; and from that time   
 till his second journey a.p. 58, perhaps remaining in Greece, but perhaps   
 also travelling for the sake of collecting information for his Gospel.   
 At all events, at the latter part of this period he is again found at   
 Philippi. We need not then dissent from the early tradition, reported   
 by Jerome, that Luke published his Gospel in the parts of Achaia and   
 Beeotia, as being on the whole the most likely inference.   
 2. The inscription in the Syriac version,—and Simeon Metaphrastes   
 in the tenth century,—report that the Gospel was written at Alexandria,   
 but apparently without any authority.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 SECTION VI.   
 IN WHAT LANGUAGE IT WAS WRITTEN.   
   
   
 There never has been any doubt that Luke wrote his Gospel in Greek.   
 His familiarity with Greek terms and idioma, and above all, the classical   
 style of his preface, are of themselves convincing internal evidence that   
 it was so. ,   
   
   
   
 SECTION VII.   
   
 GENUINENESS OF THE GOSPEL.   
   
   
 1. It has been generally and almost unanimously acknowledged   
 that the Gospel which we now possess is that written and published   
 by Luke.   
 2. Whatever doubts may have been raised by rationalistic Com-   
 mentators as to the genuineness of the two first chapters, have been   
 adopted in aid of their attempts to overthrow their authenticity (on   
 which see the next section) ; and have rested on no sufficient ground   
 of themselves. Their principal appeal is to Marcion, who notoriously   
 mutilated the Gospel, to make it favour his views of the Person of   
 Christ.   
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