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 so effectually defeat the opponents, as they have defeated themselves.   
 Schleiermacher, holding 1 Tim. to be compiled out of the other two,   
 finds it in all these respects objectionable and below the mark: Baur will   
 not concede this latter estimate, and De Wette charges Schleiermacher   
 with having failed to penetrate the sense of the writer, and found faults,   
 where a more thorough exposition must pronounce a more favourable   
 judgment. These differences may well serve to strike out the argument,   
 and indeed all such purely subjective estimates, from the realm of biblical   
 criticism.   
 42, A word should be said on the smaller, but not less striking indi-   
 cations of genuineness, which we here find. Such small, and even trifling   
 individual notices, as we here meet with, can hardly have proceeded from   
 a forger. Of course a careful falsifier may have taken care to insert such,   
 as would fall in with the known or supposed state of the Apostle himself   
 and his companions at the time: a shrewd and skilful one would invent   
 such, as might further any views of his own, or of the Churches with   
 which he was connected: but I must say Ido not covet the judgment   
 of that critic, who can ascribe such a notice as that of 2 Tim. iv. 13,   
 “the cloak which I left behind at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest,   
 bring, and the books, especially the parchments,” to either the caution or   
 the skill of a forger. What possible motive there could be for inserting   
 such minute particulars, unexampled in the Apostle’s other letters,   
 founded on no incident in history, tending to no result,—might well   
 baffle the acutest observer of the phenomena of falsification to   
 declare.   
 43. A concession by Baur himself should not be altogether passed   
 ever. St. Paul in his farewell discourse, Acts xx. 29, 30, speaks thus:   
 “T know that after my departure there shall enter in among you grievous   
 wolves, not sparing the flock: and from among yourselves shall arise men   
 speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them.” Baur con-   
 fesses that here the defenders of the Epistles have firm ground to stand   
 on. ‘Here we see,” he continues, “the Apostle anticipating just what   
 we find more in detail in the Pastoral Epistles.” But then he proceeds   
 to set aside the validity of the inference, by quietly disposing of the   
 farewell discourse, as written “after the event.” For those who look   
 on that discourse very differently, his concession has considerable value-   
 44, I would state then the general result to which I have come from   
 all these considerations :   
 1. External testimony in favour of the genuineness of our Epistles   
 is so satisfactory, as to suggest no doubt on the point of their   
 universal reception in the earliest times. :   
 2. The objections brought against the genuineness by its opponents,   
 on internal grounds, are not adequate to set it aside, or even to   
 raise a doubt on the subject in a fair-judging mind.   
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