INTRODUCTION. ] 1 TIMOTHY. [coe xr.   
   
 to consider, 1. The person to whom the Epistle was written: 2. Its   
 especial occasion and object.   
   
   
 SECTION I.   
 TO WHOM WRITTEN.   
   
   
   
 1. Trmoruy (Timotheus) is first mentioned Acts xvi. 1 ff. as dwelling   
 either in Derbe or Lystra (“ there,” after both places have been men-   
 tioned), but probably in the latter: at St. Paul’s second visit to those   
 parts (Acts ib., see xiv. 6 ff.). He was of a Jewish mother (Euniké,   
 2 Tim. i. 5) and a Gentilo father (Acts xvi. 1, 3): and had probably   
 been converted by the Apostle on his former visit, for he calls him his   
 “true child in the faith” (1 Tim. i. 2). His mother, and his grand-   
 mother (Lois, 2 Tim. i. 5), were both Christians,—probably also con-   
 verted, from having been pious Jewesses (2 Tim. iii. 14, 15), during   
 that former visit.   
 2. Though as yet young, Timothy was well reported of by the   
 brethren in Lystra and Iconium (Acts xvi. 2), and hence, forming   
 as he did by his birth a liuk between Jews and Greeks, and thus   
 especially fitted for the exigencies of the time (Acts ib. ver. 4),   
 St. Paul took him with him asa helper in the missionary work. Ho   
 first circumcised him (ib: 3), to remove the obstacle to his access to the   
 Jows.   
 8. The next time we hear of him isin Acts xvii. 14 ff., he with   
 Silas remained behind in Berea on occasion of the Apostle being sent   
 away to Athens by sea, From this we infer that he had accompanied   
 him in the progress through Macedonia. His youth would furnish quite   
 a sufficient reason why he should not be mentioned throughout the occur-   
 rences at Philippi and Thessalonica. That he had been at this latter   
 place, is almost certain: for he was sent back by St. Paul (from Berea,   
 sce Introd. to 1 Thess. § ii. 5 f.) to ascertain the state of the Thes-   
 salonian Church (1 Thess. iii. 2), and we find him rejoining the Apostle,   
 with Silas, at Corinth, having brought intelligence from Thessalonica   
 (1 Thess, iii. 6).   
 4, He remained with the Apostle at Corinth, and his name, together   
 with that of Silas (Silvanus), appears in the addresses of both tho   
 Epistles to the Thessalonians, written (seo Introd. to 1 Thess. § iii.) at   
 Corinth. We have no express mention of him from this time till we find   
 him “ministering” to St. Paul during the long stay at Ephesus (Acts   
 xix, 22): but we may fairly presume that he travelled with him from   
 Corinth to Ephesus (Acts xviii. 18, 19), either remaining there with   
 Priscilla and Aquila, or (which is hardly so probable) going with the   
 Apostle to Jerusalem, and by Antioch through Galatia and Phrygia.   
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