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 SECTION II.   
 OCCASION AND OBJECT.   
   
   
 1, The Epistle declares its own occasion. The Apostle had left the   
 Ephesian Church in charge to Timothy: and though he hoped soon   
 to return, was apprehensive that he might be detained longer than ho   
 expected (1 Tim. iii. 14, 15). He therefore despatched to him these   
 written instructions.   
 2. The main object must be deseribed as personal: to encourage and   
 inform Timothy in his superintendence at Ephesus. But this in-   
 formation and precept regarded two very different branches of his   
 ecclesiastical duty.   
 8. The first was, the making head against and keeping down the   
 growing heresies of the day. These are continually referred to: again   
 and again the Apostle recurs to their mention: they evidently dwelt   
 much on his mind, and caused him, in reference to Timothy, the most   
 lively anxiety. On their nature and characteristics I have treated in the   
 preceding chapter.   
 4, The other object was, the giving directions respecting the govern- ’   
 ment of the Church itself: as regarded the appointing to sacred offices,   
 the selection of widows to receive the charity of the Church, and do   
 service for it,—and the punishment of offenders.   
 5. For a compendium of the Epistle, and other details connected with   
 it, see Davidson, vol. iii.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 CHAPTER XII.   
   
   
 THE SECOND EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY.   
   
 SECTION I.   
 TO WHAT PLACE WRITTEN.   
   
   
   
 1. Ir has been very generally supposed, that this Epistle was written   
 to Timothy while the latter was still at Ephesus.   
 2. The notices contained in it seem partially to uphold the idea. In   
 ch. i. 16—18, Onesiphorus is mentioned as having sought out the Apostle   
 at Rome, and also having ministered to him at Ephesus: and in ch. iv. 19,   
 the household of Onesiphorus is saluted. Such a notice, it is true,   
 decides nothing: but comes in aid of the supposition that St. Paul was   
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