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 writing to Ephesus. Our impression certainly is, from ch. i. 18, that   
 Onesiphorus resided, when living, at Ephesus.   
 8. Again, in ch. ii. 17, we find Hymenwus stigmatized as a teacher of   
 error, who (see notes there) can hardly be other than the Hymenus of   
 1 Tim. i. 20. Joined with this latter in 1 Tim. appears an Alexander :   
 and we again have an Alexander “ the smith” mentioned as having done   
 the Apostle much mischief in our ch. iv. 14: and there may bea further   
 coincidence in the fact that an Alexander is mentioned as being put   
 forward by the Jews during the tumult at Ephesus, Acts xix. 33%   
 4. Besides, the whole circumstances, and especially the character of   
 the false teachers, exactly agree. It would be very difficult to point out   
 any features of difference, such as change of place would be almost sure   
 to bring out, between the heretical persons spoken of here, and those in   
 the first Epistle.   
 5. The local notices come in aid, but not with much foree. Timothy   
 is instructed to bring with him matters which the Apostle had left at   
 Troas (ch. iv. 13), which he would pass in his journey from Ephesus to   
 Rome. Two other passages (ch. iv. 12, 20) present a difficulty: and   
 Michaelis, who opposes this view, urges them strongly. St. Paul writes,   
 \_ “ But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.” This could hardly have been so   
 written, as a simple announcement of a fact, if the person to whom hoe   
 was writing was himself in that city. This was also felt by Theodoret,   
 —for he says, “ It is hence evideut that the blessed Timothy at this timo   
 dwelt not at Ephesus, but somewhere else.” The only answer that I   
 can give, may be derived from the form and arrangement of the sentence.   
 Several had been mentioned, who had left him of their own accord: then,   
 with but, introducing a contrast, he states that he had sent Tychicus to   
 Ephesus. If any stress is meant to be laid on this circumstance, the notice   
 might still consist with Timothy himself being there : “ but do not wonder   
 at Tychicus being at Ephesus, for I sent him thither.” This however is   
 not satisfactory: nor again is it, to suppose with Dr. Davidson, that   
 for some reason Tychicus would not arrive in Ephesus so soon as tho   
 Epistle—He also writes, “But Trophimus I left behind in Miletus   
 sick.” This would be a strange thing to write from Rome to Timothy   
 in Ephesus, within a few miles of Miletus itself, and respecting Tro-   
 phimus, who was an Ephesian (Acts xxi. 20). Itcertainly may be said   
 that there might be reasons why the notice should be sent. It might   
 be intended to clear Trophimus from the charge which appears to be   
 laid against Erastus, that he had remained behind of his own accord in   
 his native land. With the Apostle’s delicate feeling for all who were   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 3 See note there. The latter hypothesis mentioned in it, he was put forward to   
 clear the Jews, is at least and then he might well have been an enemy of the   
 Apostle.   
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