INTRODUCTION. | ‘1 CORINTHIANS. — [eu. x1,   
   
 and on that account perhaps overlooked, as impossible to be observed, is   
 explained in its true sense by him, 1 Cor. v. 9—12.   
 It also contained, in all probability, an announcement of a plan of   
 visiting them on his way to Macedonia, and again on his return from   
 Macedonia (2 Cor. i. 15, 16), which he changed in consequence of the   
 news heard from Chloe’s household (1 Cor. xvi. 5—7), for which altera-   
 tion he was accused of lightness of purpose (2 Cor. i. 17).   
 We may safely say also (see above) that it contained a command to   
 make a collection for the poor saints at Jerusalem. Further than this   
 we cannot with any safety surmise.   
 It was evidently a short letter, containing perhaps little or nothing   
 more than the above announcement and injunctions, given probably in   
 the pithy and sententious manner so common with the Apostle \*.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 SECTION V.   
 OF THE NUMBER OF VISITS MADE BY ST, PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.   
   
   
 1. The controversy on this point will be cut very short, if the inter-   
 pretation given in the notes of 2 Cor. xii. 14, xiii. 1, be assumed as   
 correct :—and, as I have there maintained, I believe that neither the   
 words nor the context will admit any other. The Apostle had paid two   
 visits to Corinth before the sending of that, and consequently of this   
 Epistle.   
 2. The difficulty in this inference, which has led Commentators to   
 adopt an unnatural rendering of the above passages, is, that but one   
 visit is recorded, viz. that in Acts xviii. 1 ff. For both Epistles were   
 written before the second visit in Acts xx. 2, 3. (Compare Acts xix.   
 with 1 Cor. xvi. 8, and 2 Cor. ix. 2 with Acts xx. 1, 2.)   
 3. But manifestly, the history of St. Paul’s apostolie career in the   
 Acts is very fragmentary and imperfect. Long and important journeys   
 are dismissed in a few words\*: some, e.g. that to Arabia, and the   
 missionary tour in Syria and Cilicia, Gal. i. 21 ff., not being even men-   
 tioned. No notice is taken of the foundation of the churches of Galatia,   
 unless the cursory mention of Acts xvi. 6, be interpreted as such;—and of   
 the copious catalogue of perils undergone by him in 2 Cor. xi. 24 ff., but   
 few can be identified in the history. That a journey to Corinth should   
 have escaped mention, where more extensive journeys and more important   
 events have been omitted or slightly touched on, would not be at all   
 improbable.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 4, Such a journey must of course be inserted between Acts xviii. 18,   
 2 See Rom. xii. 9 ff.; Thess. v. 16   
   
 3 e.g., ch. xv. 41, xvi. xviii. 23, xix. xx. 2, 3.   
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