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 make known unto you the grace of | trea, we do you to wit of   
 the grace of God bestowed   
 God which hath been bestowed on on the churches of Mace-   
 the churches of Macedonia; \* how donia; 2 how that in a   
 that in much trial of affliction the great trial of affliction the   
 abundance of their joy and their abundance of their joy and   
 adeep poverty abounded unto the their deep poverty abounded   
 a Mark xii, riches of their liberality. unto the riches of their   
 beh. ix. according to their power, I 3 bear liberality. % For to their   
 and beyond their power I bear record, yea,   
 power of their own accord, \* pray- and beyond their power   
 ing of us with much + intreaty the they were tilling of them-   
 grace and the ° participation in the selves; 4 praying us with   
 ministering unto the saints: 5 and much intreaty that we   
 + The not as we expected, but their own) would receive the gift, and   
 stands selves gave they first to the Lord | take gave their the fellow-   
 in our and to us by the will of God. ship of the ministering to   
 somuch that we ‘exhorted Titus, the saints. 5 And this they   
 that as he had before begun, so he did, not as we hoped, but   
 would also complete among you this   
 7 But, as ye fabound In- to the Lord, and unto us   
 by the will of God. % In-   
 somuch that we desired   
 Titus, that as he had   
 begun, so he would also   
 ® grace also. finish in you the same   
 grace also. 1 Therefore,   
   
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 geographical and historical notices in of the ministry to the saints (i.e. allow   
 ley’s introduction to this section, edn. 2, them a share in that grace and fellowship) :   
 pp. 479 f. »1, the grace of God] For and not as we expected (i.e. far beyond   
 every good gift and frame of mind comes our expectation), but themselves they gave   
 by divine grace, not by human excelleney : first (i. above all: as the inducing mo-   
 and this occasion was most opportune for tive: not first point of ¢ime, but in   
 resting the liberality of the Macedonian of importance, see Rom. ii. 9,10) to the   
 churches on God’s grace, that he might Lord and to us by the will of God (the   
 not be extolling them at the expense of the Giver of grace, who made them willing to   
 Corinthians, but holding out an example do this: not the same as “ according to the   
 of the effusion of that grace, which was will of God,” which only expresses [what-   
 common to the Corinthians also, if they ever it may imply] consonance with the   
 sought and used it.—The original expres- divine will: whereas “ by ¢he will of God”   
 siou is, given among,—shed abroad in, makes the divine will the agent).   
 the churches of Macedonia. 2.) how 6.] So that we besought Titus, that as he   
 that in much proof of tribulation (though had before (before the Macedonians hegan   
 they were put to the proof by much tri- to contribute: ‘during his visit from   
 bulation) (was) the abundance of their joy which he had now returned’) begun it, so   
 (i. e. their joy abounded), and their deep he would also complete among you this   
 poverty abounded unto (produced abun- grace also (this act grace or mercy, also,   
 dant fruit, ‘so as to bring about’... .) —as well as other things which he had to   
 the riches (the riches which haye actually do among them. It does not belong to   
 become manifest by the result of the col- this,—‘this grace also, as well as other   
 lection) of their liberality. 3—5.] graces,’—but to this altogether).   
 Proof of this. For according to their %—15.] Exhortations and inducements   
 power, I testify, beyond their power, to perform this act of charity. tll   
 voluntarily, with much exhortation be- But marks the transition to an exhortation   
 seeching of us the grace and fellowship breaking off from arguments, of which