10—15. II. CORINTHIANS. 313   
   
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 wrought among you in all among you in all patience, in signs,   
 patience, in signs, and and wonders, and mighty deeds.   
 wonders, and mighty deeds. 13 P For what is there wherein ye were p1Cor.i.7.   
 13 For what is it wherein inferior to the other churches, except   
 ye were inferior to other that 11 myself was not a burden to «1¢or.tz.   
 churches, except it be that you? forgive me‘ this wrong. 18 Be- reh-xi.7,   
 I myself was not burden- hold, the third time I am ready to   
 some to you? forgive me come to you; and I will not be a   
 this wrong. 14 Behold, the burden to you: for I seek not your’s, t Acts 5,   
 third time I am ready to but you: for "the children ought »i¢o:.ivu,   
 come to you; and I will not to lay up for the parents, but   
 not be burdensome to you: the parents for the children.   
 Sor I seek not your's, but \*I very gladly will spend and be «Pui   
 you: for the children ought   
 not to lay up for the 15 Yet   
 parents, but the parents   
 Sor the children. 1° And 1 The   
 L will very gladly spend spent ¥for your souls; though while ysonnx.   
 and be spent for you; 0 = ch. i, Col.   
 24. 2 Tim. ii.   
 lity, 1 Cor. xv. 9—11). 12.] Con- am the third time ready to come,’ i.e.   
 firmation of the boast just made..... ‘this is the third time that I have been   
 The signs indeed of an apostle were ready to come to you.” This latter mean-   
 wrought out among you (“the Apostle’s ing has been “adopted by many Com-   
 own personality as the worker is modestly tnentators, in order to evade the difficulty   
 veiled behind the passive.” Meyer) in all of supposing St. Paul to have been before   
 (possible) patience (cndurance of opposi- this time at Corinth. But on this see In-   
 tion, which did not cause me to leave off trod. to1 Cor. § y. Here, the context has   
 working), in signs, and wonders, end absolutely nothing to do with his third   
 mighty deeds. preparation to come, which would be a   
 13—15.] His disinterestedness, shewn new element, requiring some explanation,   
 in his past, and resolved in his future as in 1 Thess. ii. 18. The natural, and I   
 dealings with them. 13.] The ques- am persuaded, only true inference from the   
 tion is asked in bitter irony. It is an words here is, ‘I coming to you a third   
 illustration of his much endurance, and of time,—and I will not you this time,   
 the distinction conferred on them by so any more than I did at my two previous   
 long manifestation of the signs of an visits’—Our business in such cases is, not   
 Apostle among them. ‘ Was this en- to wrest plain words to fit preconceived   
 durance of working which I shewed, chronology, but to adapt our confessedly   
 marred by the fact that I worked gra- most uncertain and imperfect history of the   
 tuitously among you ?” ye were inferior Apostle’s life, to the data furnished by the   
 to does not imply that all churches suf- plain honest sense of his Epistles.   
 fered loss, and that the loss of the Co- for the children ought not ...] St. Paul   
 rinthians was only not greater than that. was the spiritual father of the Corinthian   
 of other churches: but ‘ye suffered loss Church, 1 Cor. iv. 14, 15: he does not   
 in comparison with the other churches’ therefore want to be enriched by them,   
 except that one point, in which his children, but rather to lay up riches   
 of all others they had J/east reason to Sor them, seeking to have them as his   
 complain. This one is put forward to treasure, and thus to enrich them, as a   
 indicate their deep ingratitude, if did loving father does his children. What it   
 complain, secing that the only point of is that is to be laid up, is left   
 difference in their treatment had been a if pressed strictly, it cannot be earthly   
 preference : “It is Love, deeply wounded, treasure in the negative part of the sen-   
 which speaks,” says Meyer. The irony tence, heavenly, in the positive :—see next   
 here reaches its height. 14.] The verse. 15.] The Apostle promises   
 words must, from the context, mean, the more than even natural fathers do. They   
 third time I am ready to come, i.e. ‘I lay up treasures: I will spend them :—   
 am ready to coine the time ;’—not, ‘I and more than that, I will spend myself: