§1] ITS AUTHORSHIP. [eyrropvucrion.   
   
 are members of the body, of his flesh and of his bones” (Eph.   
 vy. 80). Again, i. 8. 5, ‘This moreover Paul also saith, In every   
 thing that is mado manifest, is light” (Eph. v. 13).   
 (0) Clement of Alexandria:   
 “Wherefore also in that to the Ephesians he (St. Paul) writes:   
 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” Eph. v.   
 21—25.   
 (c) The same again:   
 “The Apostle writing to the Ephesians clearly lays open that of   
 which wo are in search, saying, Until we all como, &e.” Eph. iv.   
 13—15.   
 2. Further we have testimonies to the Epistle being received as   
 canonical Scripture, and therefore, by implication, of its being regarded   
 as written by him whose name it bears: as e. g.:   
 (d) Polycarp :   
 “As in these scriptures it is said, Be ye angry and sin not: and   
 Let not the sun set on your wrath.” Eph. iv. 26.   
 (e) Tertullian:   
 “T pass over here another Epistle which we know as addressed ‘to   
 the Ephesians,’ but the heretics ‘to the Laodiceans.’”   
 (f) Irenzus several times mentions passages of this Epistle as per-   
 verted by the Valentinians: and in many other places in his Epistle   
 to the Ephesians cites the Epistle directly.   
 3. I havo not hitherto adduced the testimony ordinarily cited from   
 Ignatius, on account of the doubt which hangs over the interpretation   
 of the words:   
 “Ye are tho passage of those that are killed for God; who have   
 been instructed in the mysteries of the Gospel with Paul the sanc-   
 tified, the witness unto death, the worthy of beatification, under   
 whose footsteps may I be found when I meet God: who in all his   
 Epistle makes mention of you in Christ Jesus.”   
 I conceive however that there can be little doubt that these expressions   
 are to be interpreted of the Epistle to the Ephesians. First, the ex-   
 pression “instructed in the mysteries of the Gospel with Paul” seems to   
 point to Eph. i. 9, as compared with the rest of the chapter,—to ch. iii.   
 3—6, 9; and the last clause finds ample justification in the very express   
 and affectionate dwelling on the Christian state and privileges of those   
 to whom he is writing—making mention of them throughout all his   
 Epistle.   
 4. In the longer recension of this Epistle of Ignatius, the testimony   
 is more direct: in ch. vi. we read,   
 ‘As Paul wrote to you: One body and one Spirit, &c.” (Eph. iv.   
 4—6.) ;   
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