I. 1—7. PHILIPPIANS.   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 brance of you, 4 always in you, \*always in every prayer of   
 every prayer of mine for mine making my prayer for you all   
 you all making request with with joy, 5¢\*for your fellowship in ¢Rem. xi...   
 joy, \* for your fellowship regard to the gospel from the first &   
 tn the gospel from the first day until now; 6 being confident of   
 day until now ; © being con- this very thing, that he which began 4, 15,   
 fident of this very thing, fa good work in you will perfect it tsohnsi.29,.   
 that he which hath begun a Zup to the day of Jesus Christ : ver...   
 good work in you will per- 7 even as it is just for me to be thus   
 Sorm it until the day of minded for you all, because you have   
 Jesus Christ: 7 even as it   
 ts meet for me to think this   
 of you all, because I have   
 youin my heart ; inasmuch me Pin your heart, both ‘in my 2°.   
 as both in my bonds, and bonds, and in \* my defence and con- ‘¥i's   
 in the defence and confir-   
 2 Tim.i.8.   
   
   
 FELLOWSHIP REGARDING THE GOSPEL words up to the day of Jesus Christ   
 (8—5), CONFIDENCE THAT GoD WILL assume the nearness of the coming of the   
 CONTINUE AND PERFECT THE SAME (6— Lord. Here, as elsewhere, Commentators   
 8), AND PRAYER FOR THEIR INCREASE (even Ellicott recently) have endeavoured   
 IN HOLINESS UNTO THE DAY OF CHRIST to escape from this inference. Thus   
 (9—11). 3.] See the similar expres- Theophylact and Ccumenius refer the   
 sions, Rom. i. 9; 1 Cor.i.4; Eph. i. 16; saying not only to the then existing gene-   
 Col. i. 3; 1 Thess. i. Philem. 4, ration of Philippians, but also to their   
 4.) always—every—for you all—here descendants : Estius, in the case of each   
 we have the overflowings of a full heart. man, “up to his own death :” Calovius,   
 The sense is, that every time he prayed, understanding not the continuance till the   
 he joyfully offered up that portion of day of Christ, but “term and complement   
 his prayers which was an intercession for of perfection which we shall possess at   
 them. 5.] for (ground of the last day :” and so nearly Calvin, but saying   
 assertion) your fellowship (with one an- very heautifully,—\* Although they who   
 other: entire accord, unanimous action: eas they say beyond nothing of the place in   
 not your fellowship with me) as regards war with the them as the flesh, progress,   
 the Gospel (not ‘in the Gospel,’ as A. V. because they have not yet attained to the   
 Their mutual accord was for the purposes point at which they aspired: they are not   
 of the Gospel—i.e. the perfecting, of yet in possession of the felicity and glory   
 which he proceeds to treat. The expres- for which they hoped: in a word, the day   
 sion “your fellowship as regards the has not yet dawned which is to reveal the   
 Gospel” may include without expressly treasures hidden in hope. And on this   
 mentioning their contribution (ch. iv. account, whenever hope is spoken of, the   
 to the Apostle’s necessity :—that particular eyes must be fixed on the blessed resur-   
 manifestation of this fellowship, which so rection as their point reference.” Doubt-   
 especially marked the liberal and warm- less, this is our lesson, and must be our   
 hearted Christians of Philippi) from the application of such passages: but this   
 first day (of your receiving it) until now; surely was not the sense in which the   
 6.] being (i.e. seeing Iam) confident Apostle wrote them). 1.) Justification   
 of this very thing (it points out sharply of the above-expressed confidence :—it was   
 and emphatically, implying, as here, that fair and right for him to entertain it.   
 the very matter of confidence is one which to be thus minded] viz. with the   
 will ensure the success of the prayer), confidence of ver. 6. for you all]   
 that He who began in you a good because it is an opinion involving their   
 work (viz. God: compare ch. ii. 13.—By good. you have me] The Greek will   
 ‘a good work,’ he refers his confidence to equally admit the rendering of the A. V.   
 the general character of God as the doer   
 and finisher of good : the one good work in   
 his mind, being their §c.—The