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 III. 1 Wherefore \* being no longer aver...   
 IID. 1 Wherefore when able to forbear, » we thought it good » Acts   
 we could no longer forbear, to be left behind alone in Athens;   
 we thought it good to be ® and we sent \* Timothy, our brother, Rom. x   
 left at Athens alone; \* and   
 sext Timotheus, our bro-   
 ther, and minister of God, and + fellow-worker with God in the , 36%32°   
 and our fellowlabourer in gospel of Christ, to establish you, The readings   
 the gospel of Christ, to es- o vi 2 ‘That some   
 tablish you, and to comfort and to exhort you on behalf of your ects   
 you concerning your faith : faith: 34 that no one might be dis- {gigi   
 % that no man should be . . . . alterations   
 moved by these afflictions : quieted in these afilietions : for your- took nace   
 for yourselves know that selves know that \*we are appointed Bening ob   
 we are appointed thereunto. ject ile.   
 4 For verily, when we were thereunto. For even when we Thera   
 with you, we told you before 7 and lesan   
 that we should suffer tribu- were with you, we told you before gzuss.   
 lation; even as it came to that we are to suffer tribulation; Qari”   
 pass, and ye know. \* For A Patican,   
 this cause, when I could no even as I it also no longer pass, and agi   
 longer forbear, I sent to sent in order to know your faith, worker: the   
 know your faith, lest by ye know. the tempter have tempted {amon   
 some means the tempter you, and ‘our labour prove in vain. ,}2e   
 have tempted you, and our 6\*But Timothy having just now EYGory   
 labour be in vain. © But come unto us from you, and brought ial.   
 now when Timotheus came us good tidings of your faith and watts avi   
 Srom you unto us, and 0)   
 brought us good tidings of   
 your faith and charity, and   
   
 III. 1.] Wherefore, because of our af- happening to us both): for your-   
 fection for you just expressed; the narra- selves know... ] Reason why no one   
 tion which follows is the proof of his should be shaken. \_ thereunto, viz. to   
 affection for them. being no longer Jlctions, we meaning ‘ we Christians.’   
 able to forbear (our continued absence 4.] reason for the assumption of this know-   
 from communication with you), we (I ledge. ye know, viz. by experience.   
 Paul, from above, ch. ii. 18) thought it 5.] For this cause, because tribula-   
 good (i.e. ‘it was our pleasure’) to be left, tion had verily begun among you (“as it   
 behind (sec Acts xvii. 15, 16) alone in came to pass”). The words I also   
 Athens, 2.] and sent Timothy, our seem to convey a delicate that Timothy   
 brother and fellow-worker with God in also was anxious respecting them: or it   
 (the field of his working) the Gospel of may have the same reference as “¢ also,”   
 Christ (there does not appear to be any ch. ii. to the other Christians who   
 special reason for this mention had heard of their tribulation. 6—8.]   
 of Timothy, further than the disposition to Of the good news brought by Timothy.   
 speak thus highly of him on the part of the 6. But Timothy having just now   
 Apostle. Such is the more natural view, come] See Acts xviii. 5. This settles the   
 when we take into account the fervid and time of our Epistle being written. It was   
 affectionate heart of writer. See, how- very soon after this arrival of Silas and   
 ever, note on 1 Tim. y. 23; with which Timothy.—First their Christian state com-   
 timid character of Timothy such designa- forted him,—then, their constant remem-   
 tions as this may be connected), in order brance of himself. Theodoret remarks :   
 to confirm you, and exhort you on behalf “He mentions three things which have   
 of (in order for the furtherance of) your excited his affection to them: their faith,   
 faith: 8.] that no one might be dis- their love, their remembrance of their   
 quieted in these afflictions (which are teacher. Their faith shews the stability of