intRoDuUCTION.] THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS. [cu. v1.   
   
 (c) Irenzus, iv.: “As Paul saith to the Philippians, ‘I am full of the   
 things received from Epaphroditus,’ &e.”   
 (d) Clement of Alexandria says, that Paul “confesses himself not to   
 have apprehended, &c.” Phil. iii. 12—14. He also quotes several other   
 places of the Epistle.   
 (e) In the Epistle of the Churches of Lyons and Vienne, giving an   
 account of the martyrdom of Poltrinus, Blandina, and others (a.p. 177),   
 the words “ Who being in the form of God deemed not His equality   
 with God a matter for grasping,” are cited. Phil. ii. 6.   
 (f) Tertullian quotes Phil. iii. 11 ff   
 (g) The same author devotes the 20th chapter of his fifth book   
 against Marcion to testimonies from this Epistle, and shews that Marcion   
 acknowledged it. And in another treatise, among the places to which   
 ‘authentic letters’ of the Apostle’s are enumerated, he says “You have   
 Philippi.”   
 (h) Cyprian quotes ch. ii, as from the Epistle to the Philippians.   
 4. It has been hinted above, that Schrader doubted the integrity of   
 our Episile. This has also been done in another form by Heinrichs,   
 who fancied it made up of two letters,—one to the Church, containing   
 chaps. i. ii., to the words in the Lord, iii. 1, and iv. 21—23: the other to   
 private friends, beginning at to write the same things, iii. 1, and   
 containing the rest with the above exception. Paulus also adopted a   
 modification of this view. But it is hardly necessary to say, that it is   
 altogether without foundation. The remarks below (§ iv.) on its style   
 will serve to account for any seeming want of exact juncture between   
 one part and another.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 SECTION I.   
 FOR WHAT READERS AND WITH WHAT OBJECT IT WAS WRITTEN.   
   
   
 1. The city of Pamurrt has been described, and the expression the   
 first Macedonian city of the district discussed, in the notes on Acts   
 xvi. 12 ff., to which the student is referred. I shall now notice only the   
 foundation and condition of the Philippian Church.   
 2. The Gospel was first planted there by Paul, Silas, and Timothy   
 (Acts xvi. 12 ff.), in the second missionary journey of the Apostle, in   
 a.D.51, (See Chron. Table in Introd. to Acts.) There we read of only   
 a few conversions, which however became a rich and prolific seed of   
 future fruit. He must have visited it again on his journey from Ephesus   
 into Macedonia, Acts xx. 1; and he is recorded to have done so (a third   
 time), when, owing to a change of plan to avoid the machinations of his   
 enemies, the Jews at Corinth, he returned to Asia through Macedonia ;   
 see Acts xx. 6. But we have no particulars of either of these visits.   
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