1—8. PHILEMON. 593   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 phia our } sister, and °Archippus our t sat ow   
 and Archippus our fellow-   
 soldier, and to the church 4fellow-soldier, and to the ®church 3°! MSS.   
 in thy house: \* Grace to in thy house: 3fGrace to you, and ‘i   
 you, and peace, from God peace, from God our Father and the ox   
 our Father and the Lord Lord Jesus Christ. #81 thank my &¥4h.5.1.,   
 Jesus Christ. 4I thank God always, 7   
 my God, making mention thee in my prayers, 5" hearing of »gph,i5.   
 of thee always in my thy love, and the faith mention thou 77°   
 prayers, \* hearing of thy hast toward the Lord Jesus, and to-   
 love and faith, which thou ward all the saints; § that the com-   
 hast toward the Lord munication of thy faith may become   
 Jesus, and toward ail effectual unto + Christ ‘in the know- tsesusis   
 saints; § that the com- ledge of every good thing which   
 munication of thy faith 7 For +I had much joy +5   
 may become effectual by   
 the acknowledging of every omitted   
 good thing which is in you our three   
 in Christ Jesus. 7 For we is in fus. oldest   
 have great joy and con- and consolation ‘in thy love, because tS, MSS,   
 solation in thy love, be- the hearts of the saints \* have been K2.Gor. vi   
 cause the bowels of the refreshed by thee, brother. 8 Where- ve"?   
 saints are refreshed by   
 thee, brother. \* Where-   
   
 see Introd. to Col. ii. 2.) Apphia is second, hearing, gives the ground of the   
 the Latin name Appia. She appears to thank—for that Ihear.... 5.)   
 have been the wife of Philemon ; certainly, thy love—to the saints: the faith—to-   
 as well as Archippus, she must lave be- ward the Lord Jesus. The order is in-   
 longed to his family, or they would hardly verted: but it is necessary for perspicuity   
 be thus specially addressed in a private thus to distribute. 6.] that belongs,   
 letter concerning a family matter. as usually constructed, to ver. 4. ‘The   
 Archippus] see Col. iv. 17. fellow- mixing of prayer and thanksgiving in that   
 soldier] see reff. and 2 Tim. ii. 3. He clause does not exclude the idea of inter-   
 was perhaps Philemon’s son: or a family cessory prayer. To join “that the com-~   
 friend : or the minister of the family : the munication,” &c., with ver. 5, flat in   
 former hypothesis being perhaps the most extreme, and perfectly inconceivable as a   
 probable, as the letter concerns a family piece of St. Paul’s writing. In order that   
 matter ; but see on next clause. To what the communication of thy faith (with   
 grade in the ministry he belonged, it is others) may become effectual in (as the   
 idle to enquire : does Col. iv. 17 furnish element in which it works) the thorough   
 us with any data. the church in thy knowledge (entire appreciation and experi-   
 house] This appears to have consisted not mental recognition by us) of every good   
 merely of the family itself, of a certain thing (good gifts and graces, compare   
 assembly of Christians who met in the house Rom. vii. 18, the negation of this in the   
 of Philemon: see the same expression in carnal man) which is in us to (the glory   
 Col. iv.15, of Nymphas: and in Re vi. of; connect with “may become effectual”’)   
 38—531 Cor. xvi. 19, of and Pi Christ [Jesus]. 7.] ‘The for givesa   
 Meyer remarks the tact of the Apostle, in for the prayer of ver. not for the thanks-   
 associating with Philemon those connected giviug of ver. 4: see above. because,   
 with his Aouse, but not going beyond the &c.] further specification of “thy love,”   
 limits of the house. whose work consisted in ministering tothe   
 4—1.] Recognition oF THE CuRIS- various wants and afflictions of the saints   
 TIAN CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF at Colosse. Theendearing address, brother,   
 PHILEMON, IL. 4.] See Rom. i. 8: is skilfully lust, as introducing the   
 1 Cor. i. 4. always belongs to “ Ithank request which follows.   
 my God” (Eph. i. 16), not, as A. V., to 8—21.] PETITION FOR THE FAVOUR-   
 “making mention.” ‘She first participle, ABLE RECEPTION OF ONESIMUS.   
 making mention, expands “I (hank,’—the 8.] Wherefore relates to for love’s sake,