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 the truth. She had a sister, also a Christian matron, whose children   
 seem to have been with the Apostle when he wrote this Epistle.   
 15, In the third Epistle, mention is made of Demetrius with praise,   
 and of Diotrephes with blame, as a turbulent person, and a withstander   
 of the Apostle’s authority. But it is quite in vain to enquire further   
 into the facts connected with these names. We know nothing of them,   
 and conjectures are idle.   
 16. On the occasion and object of these Epistles, it is hardly needful   
 to remark. Both are too plainly declared in the letters themselves, to   
 require further elucidation.   
   
   
   
   
   
 SECTION II.   
   
 TIME AND PLACE OF WRITING.   
   
 1. It is impossible to lay down either of these with any degree of   
 certainty. From the similarity in style of both Epistles, it is probable   
 that the times of writing were not far apart. The journeys mentioned   
 in 2 John 12 and 3 John 10, 14, may be one and the same, Eusebius   
 relates that the Apostle, “when he returned from his exile in the   
 island after Domitian’s death, .... made a journey by invitation to the   
 neighbouring Gentiles, in some places to appoint bishops, in others to   
 set in order whole churches, in others again to ordain some one of them   
 pointed out by the Spirit.” It may have been in prospect of this journey   
 that he threatens Diotrephes in 2 John 10. If so, both Epistles belong   
 to a very late period of the Apostle’s life: and are probably subsequent   
 to the writing of the Apocalypse. See below in the Introduction to   
 that book, § ii. par. 7.   
 2. With regard to the place of writing, probability points to Ephesus :   
 especially if we adopt the view suggested by the passage of Eusebius   
 just cited.   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 CHAPTER XXI.   
   
   
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 SECTION I.   
 ITS AUTHORSHIP.   
   
   
 1. Tae author of this Epistle calls himself, in ver. 1, “servant of   
 Jesus Christ,” and “brother of James.” Tho former of these appella~   
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