intropuction.] TIE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS. [cn xv.   
   
 apply the others to such persons as are given us by history to choose   
 from.   
 160. These are the following: Barnabas, Luke, Clement, Mark,   
 Titus, Apollos, Silvanus, Aquila. These are all the companions of   
 St. Panl, who were of note enough to have written such an Epistle :   
 with the exception of Timotheus, who is excluded from the list, by being   
 mentioned in the Epistle (ch. xiii, 23) as a different person from the   
 Author.   
 161. Of these, Titus is exeluded by the faet mentioned Gal. ii. 3,—that   
 he was a Greek, and not cirenmeised even at the time when he accom-   
 panied St. Paul in his third journey to Jerusalem, Acts xv. 2, 3 ff.   
 162. It is doubtful, whether a like consideration does not exclude Sr.   
 Luxe from the authorship of our Epistle. Certainly the first appearance   
 of Col. iv. 10—14 numbers him among those who were not of the cireum-   
 cision. Were this so, it would be impossible to allot him more than a   
 subordinate share in the composition. This has been felt, and the hypo-   
 thesis which takes him to have been the writer has been shaped accord-   
 ingly. ‘hus we have seen above Clement of Alexandria held him to have   
 translated the Epistle into Greek": and the idea that he wrote it under   
 the superintendence of St,Paul, incorporating the thoughts of the great   
 Apostle, has been of late revived, and defended with considerable skill,   
 by Delitzseh. And such, more or less modified, has been the opinion of   
 many, both ancients and moderns: of Lueulentius, Primasius (Cent. VI.),   
 aymo (died 853), Rhabanus Maurus (about 847): and of Grotius,   
 Crell, Stein, Kéhler, Hug, Ebrard: several of the latter holding the   
 independent authorship of St. Luke, whieh Delitzsch also concedes to have   
 been possible.   
 163, And certainly, could we explain away the inference apparently   
 unavoidable from Col. iv. 14, such a supposition would seem to have some   
 support from the Epistle itself, ‘The students of the Commentary in my   
 Greek Test, will very frequently be struck by the verbal and idiomatie   
 coincidences with the style of St. Luke. The argument, as resting on   
 them, has been continually taken up and pushed forward by Delitzseh,   
 and comes on his reader frequently with a foree which at the time it is   
 not casy to withstand.   
 164, Yet, it must be acknowledged, the hypothesis, though so fre-   
 quently and so strongly supported by apparent coincidences, does not   
 thoroughly approve itself to the eritical mind. We cannot feel convineed   
 that St. Luke did really write our Epistle. ‘The whole tone of the indi-   
 vidual mind, as far as it appears in the Gospel and Acts, is so essentially   
 different from the spirit of the Writer here, that verbal and idiomatic   
 evincidences do not carry us over the difficulty of supposing the two to be   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 1 Sce par. 14.   
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