3 JOHN. 6—   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION,   
 thou doest faithfully whatsoever est faithfully whatsoever   
 thou doest to the brethren,   
 tSeatow Ss, thou doest to the brethren, ¢ who and to strangers; ® which   
 besides are strangers; © which have borne witness of thy   
 bore witness of thy charity before charity before the church :   
 the church: whom if thou bring whom if thou bring for-   
 forward on their journey worthily ward on their journey after   
 of God, thou shalt do well: 7be- a godly sort, thou shalt do   
 teatro cause that for the + Name’s sake well: 7 because that for   
 his name's sake they went   
 [forth, taking nothing of   
 41 Cor. 12, they went forth, ‘taking nothing the Gentiles. ® We there-   
 8 from the Gentiles. 8 We therefore [fore ought to receive such,   
 ought to support such, that we may that we might be follow-   
 become fellow-workers for the truth. helpers to the truth, 9I   
 91 wrote somewhat + unto the wrote unto the church:   
 to have the preeminence   
 church: howbeit Diotrephes, who among them, receiveth us   
 loveth to haye the preeminence   
 among them, receiveth us not.   
   
   
   
 by Caius; and reason of that praise. port of their missionaries. The peculiar   
 Beloved (beginning again of new address : word used for nothing implies that it was   
 see above on ver. 2), thon doest a faithful their own deliberate purpose; refusing to   
 act (one worthy of a “faithful” man) take any thing) from the Heathens. We   
 whatsoever thou workest towards (so therefore (contrast to the heathens: there-   
 the Lord in Matt. xxvi, 10 describes His fore, because they take nothing from the   
 anointing by Mary thus, “Ske hath done heathens) ought to support (the word does   
 @ good work towards Me”) the brethren, not seem to signify “receive hospitably,”   
 and that (and those brethren), strangers as some have expliined it) such persons,   
 (love of strangers is an especial mark of that we may become fellow-workers   
 Christian love, Rom. xii, 1 Tim. iii. [with them] for the truth.   
 ‘Tit. i. Heb. 2, 1 Pet. iv. 9), 6.) 9, 10.] Notice of the hostility of Dio-   
 who (the above-named strange brethren) trephes. I wrote Somewhat to the church   
 bore testimony to thy love in the presence (the word somewhat docs not imply that   
 of the church (viz. St. John the thing written was specially important,   
 at the time of writing. They were Evan- nor on the other hand does it depreciate ;   
 gelists, ver. 7: and thus would naturally but merely designates indefinitely: com-   
 give the church an account of their mis- pare Acts ‘xxiii. Luke vii. 40; Matt.   
 sionary journey, during which they were xx. 20. The contents of the Epistle are   
 s0 hospitably ‘treated by Caius)? whom not hinted at. The ehureh is apparently   
 thou wilt do well if thou forward on the church of which Cains was a member:   
 their way worthily of God (in a manner not, as Bengel, that out of which the mis-   
 worthy of ITim whose messengers they ure sionaries of ver, 7 had gone forth): how-   
 and whose servant thou at for on be- eit Diotrephes, who loveth preeminence   
 half of the Name (of Christ: see Acts. v. (le appears to have been an ambitions   
 41; ix. 16; xv. 28) they went forth (on man, who willed that not the Apostle but   
 their m urney), taking nothing himself should rule the church) over them   
 @ ig by of benefaction (the members of the ehurek, implied in the   
 or hire: even as St. in Achaia, 1 Cor, word previously used), receiveth us not   
 ix. 185 2 Cor. xi. 7 es (does not recogiize our authority: here in   
 ii, 9 ff: against Huther, who denies the an improper sense, but in the next verse   
 applicability of the comparison, secing probably literal : there. We wants no   
 that in St. Paul’s ease they were Christian cxplunution, such as our commands, our   
 churches : but so must these have bee pistles, or the like: in rejecting the   
 before they would ‘contribute to the sup- Apostle’s person, he. rejected all bis in-