

He commendeth Gaius, for continuing in the truth, & for fufteining or fuccouring true Preachers, 9. noting Diotrepes for the contrarie, and praifing Demetrius.

The Seniour to Gaius the Deareft, whom I loue in truth.

T²My Deereft, concerning al things I make my praier that thou proceed prosperoufly, and fare wel, as thy foule doth prosperoufly. ³I was exceeding glad when the Brethren came, and gaue teftimonie to thy truth, euen as thou walkeft in truth. ⁴Greater ‘thāke’ haue I not of thē, that then I may heare my childrē doe walke in truth. ⁵My Deareft, thou doeft faithfully whatfoeuer thou workeft on the Brethren, ^{a)}& that vpon ftrangers. ⁶They haue rendred teftimonie to thy charitie in the fight of the Church: whom, thou fhalt doe wel, bringing on their way in manner worthie of God. ⁷For, for his name did they depart, taking nothing of the Gentils. ⁸We therefore ought to receiue fuch: that we may be coadiutours of the truth.

⁹I had written perhaps to the Church: but he that loueth to beare ^{b)}primacie among them Diotrepes, doth not receiue vs. ¹⁰For this caufe, if I come, ^{c)}I wil aduertife his workes which he doeth: with malicious words chatting againft vs. And as though thefe things fuffice him not, neither himfelf doth receiue the Brethren, and them that doe receiue, he prohibiteth, and cafteth out of the Church. ¹¹My Deareft, doe not imitate euil, but that which is good. He that doeth wel, is of God: he that doeth il hath not feen God. ¹²To

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^a A great grace to be beneficial to ftrangers, fpecially to them that be of our Catholike faith and fuffer for the fame.

^b It feemeth (faith S. Bede) he was an Arch-heretike or proud Sect-maifter.

^c That is, *I wil rebuke them and make them knownen to be wicked.* Bede.

Demetrius teftimonie is giuen of al, and of the truth it-felf, yea and we giue teftimonie: and thou knoweft that our teftimonie is true.

¹³ I had many things to write vnto thee: but I would not by inke and penne write to thee. ¹⁴ But I hope forth-with to fee thee, and we wil fpeake mouth to mouth. Peace be to thee. The freinds falute thee. Salute the freinds by name.