

his purpose. But the founding of the Churches was his work, his own proper work. He passed through the highlands of Anatolia, which modern events have made familiar to us. He won converts and built up a Church among the wild race, who two centuries before had come from Gaul, and carried dismay into Greece and Asia. It was his preaching, which, commencing in the school of Tyrannus, culminated in the Church of Ephesus, and that band of sister Churches along the coast of the Ægean Sea. The little gathering by the waterside at Philippi extended and grew, until the house of Lydia and the family of the Roman gaoler became a Christian community. In Thessaly his success was equal to what it was in Macedonia. The sailors, and dock-labourers, and warehousemen, of mercantile Corinth, rough and uncouth as they were, received the Gospel at his hands, and became a temple of living stones in which Christ could dwell. Only Athens, disputing about vain systems of philosophy and clinging to the wisdom of this world, listened with mocking scorn as the Apostle unfolded the mystery of the unknown God ignorantly worshipped, and remained without a Church within its boundaries. Even as a prisoner, the voice of the intrepid missionary was heard in the proud imperial city, where riches alone were held in admiration, and luxurious living was the one thing which seemed desirable. Although not the founder of the Church in Rome, the name of Paul will be indissolubly linked with the capital of the ancient world as long as the Epistle to the Romans shall endure. Whether he actually carried out his purpose and went to Spain is doubtful ; whether he crossed the narrow sea dividing Gaul from our own land is much more than doubtful ; but that by the close of the first century the name of Christ was worshipped from Asia to the boundaries of the known world, was, under God, the work of one man—Paul, the great Apostle of the Gentiles.

Hitherto we have regarded St. Paul from one side only. We have studied the man—strong in intellect, firm in will. But there is another side to this study. This man, proud among the proudest of his peers, is humbler than the humblest