

have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." * But these things were of little consequence to one who could with truth say that he took pleasure in infirmities, in persecutions, and in distresses for Christ's sake, and that he counted not his life dear to himself, so that he might finish his course with joy.

The execution of Paul took place, it is believed, on the 29th of June, A.D. 66, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. He was buried in the Via Ostiensis, about two miles from Rome. Over his grave, Constantine the Great built a stately church, upon a plot of ground which Lucina, a noble Christian matron of Rome, had, long before, settled upon the church. He adorned it with a hundred marble columns, and beautified it with the most exquisite workmanship. This edifice was afterward taken down by the Emperor Theodosius, and a larger and even handsomer church was built in the room of it. This was further beautified by the Empress Placidia.

Space will not permit me to dwell at length upon the writings of Paul; I must therefore confine myself to a few remarks. There are fourteen epistles of his in the New Testament. The first, according as they are placed, is that addressed to the Romans, though it was by no means the first the Apostle wrote. When the Church in Rome was founded is not precisely known, but certain it is that, when Paul sent



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* 2 Cor. xi. 24-27.