

Toward the close of this epistle are found these significant words, "All the saints salute you, especially they that are of Cæsar's household."

"They of Cæsar's household," the fierce veterans to whom he was chained, but who also were chained to him during many weary yet blessed hours; the slaves who crept to his feet for comfort and solace, the lowliest of the lowly, despised and downtrodden beneath the iron heel of infamy, yet brothers beloved and saints of God.

Not many days after, the aged prisoner was called before the dread tribunal of Rome. Was he acquitted and released, or was he remanded to his prison there to languish for unknown months and years? We cannot tell. Volume after volume has been written on the subject; wise men of every creed and nationality have discussed the question in all its varied aspects, but to-day we can only repeat the words, We cannot tell.

To Timothy, his "dearly beloved son," Paul writes his last word.

"I adjure thee before God and Jesus Christ, who is about to judge the living and the dead, I adjure thee by his appearing and his kingdom—proclaim the tidings, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, exhort, with all forbearance and perseverance in teaching. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be