

everywhere it is spoken against. And, when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening." Verses 21—23.

Here was a long discourse. It occupied "from morning till evening." The preacher was full of his subject, he was fired with the constraining love of his Master, and with patriotic and Christian affection to his audience. We behold in Paul the philanthropist and the patriot. Where will you find such another? With perhaps one exception, Moses, the annals of our race supply no such specimen of man.

The preaching of "Christ crucified" was not absolutely unsuccessful on this occasion. While some believed not the things that were spoken, "some belived." Be of good courage then, herald of the Cross. Thou shalt not labour in vain. The Word of the Sovereign Lord shall not return unto Him void. And with regard to thine own duty that Word to thee is "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We may estimate something of the Apostle's success at Rome from what he tells the Philippians, "But I would, ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have," &c., (verses 12, 14 of 1st Chap. of Philippians.) To the same excellent society of Christians he says (4. 22), "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Cæsar's household."

We read at v. 30, 31, "And Paul dwelt," &c., no man forbidding him! Why could not the soldier to whom he was chained forbid him? Because the soldier's heart was disposed not to do so by the Omnipotent God of the heart. Or it may be that freedom was conceded to the Apostle to a certain degree on his parole. During all these two years there was no persecution of the Christians. God was preparing His Church for that of Nero, the Caesar of that day. After the two years had elapsed, Paul was probably set at liberty. He was a second time a prisoner at Rome and became a martyr for Christ. But in the prospect of sealing his testimony with