

B. Translation

1-Paul, one bound for Jesus Christ, and Timothy, the brother,  
 to the well-beloved and our fellow worker, Philemon,<sup>2</sup> and to  
 sister Aphia and to our fellow-soldier Archippus and to the  
 church at your house.<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our  
 Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God at all times when making mention of you by  
 my prayers,<sup>5</sup> hearing the love which you have towards all the  
 saints and the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus,<sup>6</sup> that  
 the fellowship of your faith may become activated in the precise  
 knowledge of every good thing among us unto Christ.<sup>7</sup> For I have  
 great joy and comfort by means of your love, because the  
 bowels of the saints are refreshed through you, brother.<sup>8</sup> Where-  
 fore, having real boldness in Christ to command that which is  
 fitting to you,<sup>9</sup> on account of love I prefer to exhort, as much  
 as I, Paul, am an aged man but also at this very time am one  
 bound for Jesus Christ.<sup>10</sup> I exhort you concerning my child, whom  
 I have begotten in bonds,<sup>11</sup> Onesimus, one who was once to you un-  
 profitable but is now profitable to you and also to me,<sup>12</sup> whom  
 I have sent unto you, himself, the one who is my bowels.

<sup>13</sup>One whom I wished to hold to myself that in your stead he  
 might minister to me in the bonds of the Gospel,<sup>14</sup> but apart from  
 your opinion I wished to do nothing, that your goodness might not  
 be according to necessity but according to free will,<sup>15</sup> for quick-  
 ly on account of this he may have departed for a short while that  
 he might be held forever,<sup>16</sup> no longer as a servant but instead of