200 ST. MATTHEW. XXVII.   
 and wept bitterly.   
 XXVII. 1 When the morning was   
   
 each occasion. And these remarks being corrected to one another: whereas their   
 taken into account, premise that all present varieties and coincidences are   
 culty is fromm the synopsis above most valuable as indications of truthful   
 given: the only resulting being, ind. » What I wish to impress   
 (a) that the are genuine truthful on the minds of my readers that in nar-   
 accounts of facts them all: and ratives which have from such truth-   
 (b) that they are, and must be, fal independent accounts, they must be   
 and entirely independent of one prepared sometimes (as e.g. the details   
 For (1) the four accounts of the First of the day of Resurrection) for discre-   
 denial are remarkably coincident. In all cies which, at our distance, cannot   
 Jour, Peter was in the outer hall, where satisfactorily now and then we   
 the fire made (see on ver. a maid may, as in thie instance, be able to do   
 servant (Mt. Mk. L.),—the maid servant 60 with something like :—in   
 who kept the door (John) taxed him (in some cases, sot at all. But whether we   
 aifering words in each, the com sy can thus them or not, being tho-   
 of which is very instructive) being shh; led of the trathfulness   
 disciple of Jesus: in all four he denies, of tl Brangeliste, of the divine guid-   
 again in differing I should bo dis- ance under which they wrote, our faith   
 posed to think this first recognition in no way shaken by such discrepancies.   
 ave been but one, and the variations We value them rather, as testimonies to   
 be owing to the independence of the re- independence: and are sure, if for one   
 porte. 2) In the narratives the sEconD moment we could be put in complete pos-   
 ial of firet remark is well session of the details they happened,   
 exemplified. The same maid (Mk. poi: each account would find its justification,   
 bly : but not necessarily— the and the reasons of the variations   
 maiden in the vestibule porch) other appear. And this I firmly will one   
 maid (Mt.), another (male) Guake), day be the case. (See the narrative of   
 the atanders-by generally (John), Peter’s denials treated in an article   
 him: again, in differing It seems the “Christian Observer” for Feb. 1853.)   
 he had retreated from the fire if going 69.) “An oriental house is   
 to depart altogether (see note, ver. 69), built round a interior ;   
 and 60 attracted the both of the into which there is a passage (sometimes   
 group at the fire of the porteress. It arched) through the part of the   
 would appear to me that for some reason, closed next the street by heavy folding   
 John was not so precisely informed of ed with a small for single   
 the details of of the other denials. cept by porter. In the text, interior   
 The “going out” (Mt. Mk.) is a super- court, often or , and to   
 added detail, which the “ standing and the sky, is ‘Aall,’ attendants   
 warming himself” (John) does not seem made a fire; and the passage beneath the   
 to be possessed. (8) On the THIRD occa- front of the house from the street to   
 sion, the standers- ise him as a this court, is the pro-aulion (‘poreh,’   
 Galilean (simply, Mk. Luke: by Mark xiv. 68), or pylon (‘ ver.   
 his dialect, an interesting additional 71). The place where Jesus stood be-   
 particular),—and a kinsman of Malchus fore the High Priest may have been an   
 crowns the charge by identifyieg him in open room or place of audience on the   
 way which might have proved most peril- ground floor, in the rear on one side of   
 ous, had not Peter immediately with- the court ; rooms open in front,   
 drawn. This third time again, his customary.” Robinson. 70.) I know   
 are differently :—but here, which not what thou sayest is indirect of   
 is most interesting, have in Matt.’s and denial, in it absolute ignorance   
 Mark’s “ he began to and to swear” a of the circumstances to.   
 very plain intimation, that he spoke sot 78.) thy XXVII. 1, 2.) Jzsvus 1s many   
 one sentence only, but a succession of examples of various provincial of   
 vehement denials. Hebrew. The Galilwans could not pro-   
 It will be that for fair on nounce ly the gutturals, the:   
 the fourfold we must not com- used re r eae = 15. out—vin   
 mit the mistake of requiring the recogni- from the! rch where second   
 tions, and the recognizers, in each case, and third denial had taken place: the   
 to have been identical in four. Had motive being, as Chrysostom gives it,