ST. JOHN. XVIIT.   
   
 unto Peter, Art [! nf] thou also one of this man’s dis-   
 ciples? He saith, I am not. 18™ dnd the servants and   
 officers 2 stood there, °who had made a fire of coals; for it   
 was cold: and they Parmed themselves: and Peter   
 4 stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest   
 then asked Jesus of his disciples, and -of his doctrine.   
 20 Jesus answered him, » I 44 spake \* openly to the world; I   
 ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither   
 8 the Jews always resort ; and in secret t have I said nothing.   
 21Why askest thou me? ask them which "/eard me,   
 what I \* ave said unto them: behold, ¥ ¢hey know what I   
 said. 22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers   
 which stood by ‘struck Jesus with the palm of his hand,   
 saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? % Jesus   
 answered him, lf I have spoken evil, bear witness of the   
   
 i Jer. 2,   
 ‘Acts 2.   
   
   
   
 L omit, ™ render, Now. 2 better, were standing.   
 © render, having made. P render, Were Warming.   
 4 render, also was with them, standing and warming himself.   
 44 read, have spoken. T render, plainly.   
 8 read, all the Jews. t render, spake I.   
 U render, have heard. X render, spake.   
   
 Y render, these.   
 vv. 69—75. This first denial was to hear. the world here is equivalent to   
 all appearance rashly and almost inad- “all the Jews,” or perhaps rather, “ all   
 vertently made, from a mere feeling of who were there to hear.” in secret   
 shame. Liicke suggests that Peter may spake I nothing] Stier thinks there was   
 have set himself among the servants of the an allnsion in these words to Isa. xlv. 19;   
 High Priest 0 Lear out his denial. The xlviii. 16,—in the last of which places the   
 question, “Art thou also one of this Messiah is speaking. 21.] See ch. v.   
 man’s disciples?” (ver. 25,) as Luthardt 81, which appears to have been a legal   
 remarks, implies that the other disciple maxim. behold, rHESE know] Our   
 had already been recognized as a follower Lord appeals to persons there present in   
 of Jesus, and had escaped annoyance. court, pointing at or otherwise designating   
 19.] This preliminary enqniry seems to them. The word “they” in the A.V.,   
 have had for its ohjeet to induce the makes it appear as if He meant “ those   
 prisoner to criminate himself, and furnish which heard Me.” Bengel. The “officers”   
 matter of accnsation before the Sanhedrim. mentioned in ch. vii. 46 may have been   
 of his disciples] His party, or ad- present : see next verse. 22.) See   
 herents, as the High Priest would under- Acts xxiii. 2. one of the officers   
 stand His disciples oow many, and which stood by] This was probably   
 who they were, and with what object one of the band who took Jesus, and   
 gathered together ;—and what His ecus- had brought Him hither. It is not   
 tomary teaching of them had been. Of quite certain whether the word here   
 these, Jesus says nothing : compare vv. 8, 9. used implies a blow with the hand,   
 But He substitutes for them “ the world,” or with a staff. They had staves, and   
 to which He had spoken plainly. perhaps thus used them: see note on   
 20.) I, emphatic: as if it had been said, Matt. xxvi. 67. This blow was a signal   
 I am one, who... plainly (refer- for the indignities which followed.   
 ring to the character of the things 28.] bear witness in a legal way. but   
 said): not openly (referring to the out- if well] This latter supposition has the   
 ward circumstances under which they force of an assertion, it was well.   
 were s#id), which the word will not It has been often and well observed, that