626. ST. JOHN. XIX.   
 24They said   
   
 out seam, woven from the top throughout.   
 therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast   
 lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be   
 ipss.xui.is. fulfilled, which saith, 'They parted my traiment among   
   
 them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things   
 therefore the soldiers did. 25 Now there stood by the   
   
 cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary   
 the [" wife] of ¥ Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. \*6¥ When   
 ;, Jesus therefore saw his mother, and mthe disciple standing   
 by, whom he loved, (# Ze] saith unto his mother, ® Woman,   
 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold   
 behold thy son And from that hour 4 that disciple took her   
 thy mother! °8 After this, Jesus knowing that   
 °unto his own home.   
 Ochi:   
 xvi. $2,   
 t render, garments. 1 not expressed in the original,   
 X this should be Clopas, as in the original.   
 Y render, Jesus therefore seeing. 2 omit.   
 ® render, the, as above.   
   
 garment, and was woven of linen, or per- of her, especially indeed to the beloved   
 haps of wool. The citation is verbatim disciple, but in him to the whole cycle   
 from the LXX. 25.] In Matt. xxvii. of disciples, among whom we find her,   
 55, 56, and the parallel places, we learn Acts i. 14, No certain conclnsion   
 that two of these were looking on afar off, can be drawn from this commendation,   
 after Jesus had expired, with Salome. as to the ‘brethren of the Lord’ he-   
 Considering then that St. John’s habit of lieving on Him or not at this time.   
 not naming himself might extend to his The reasons which influenced Him in his   
 mother (he names his father, ch. xxi. 2), selection must ever be far heyond our   
 we may well believe that his mother’s penetration:—and whatever relations to   
 sister here represents Salome, and that Him we suppose those brethren to have   
 four women are designated by this descrip- been, it will remain equally mysterious why   
 tion. So Wieseler and Meyer, Luthardt He passed them over, who were so closely   
 opposing them. So also Ewald: and, which connected with His mother. Still the pre-   
 is uo mean evidence, the ancient Syriac sumption, that they did not then believe   
 version, inserting and between, ‘‘the on Him, is one of which it is not easy to   
 mother’s sister, and Mary....” divest one’s self; and at least may enter   
 This Mary was wife of Klopas (Alpheus, as an element into the consideration of   
 see Matt. x. 3, and Introd. to Ep. of the whole subject, beset as it is with un-   
 § i. 4), the mother of James the Less certainty. from that hour is probably   
 and Joses; Matt., Mark. 26. behold to be taken literally,—from that time ;—   
 thy son] The relationship in the flesh so that she was spared the pangs of wit-   
 between the Lord and His mother was nessing what was to follow. If so, John   
 about to close; hence He commends her returned again to the Cross, ver. 35,   
 to another son who should care for and The words, he took her to his own home,   
 protect her. Thus,—as at the marriage need not imply that John had a house ia   
 in Cana, when His official independence of Jerusalem. The name would equally apply   
 her was to be testified, now,—He ad- to his lodging during the feast; only   
 dresses her as Woman. 27.) The so- meaning, that henceforth, wherever he   
 lemn and affecting commendation of her to was, she was an inmate with him; and   
 St. John is doubly made,—and thus bound certainly that his usual habitation was   
 by the strongest injunctions on both. The fixed, and was his own. Ewald remarks,   
 Romanist idea, that the Lord commended «It was for the Apostle in his later years a   
 all his disciples, as represented by the sweet reward to recall vividly every such   
 beloved one, to the patronage of His minute detail,—and for his readers a sign   
 mother, is simply absurd. ‘The converse is that he alone could have written all this.”   
 ‘true: He did solemnly commend the care 28.] After this is gencrally, but