24—31. ST. JOHN. 627   
   
 all things were now ? accomplished, \* that the seripture p Pes.txix.21,   
 might be ¢/udfdled, saith, I thirst. 2 [4 Now] there was   
   
 set a vessel full of vinegar: ®and they filled a spunge   
 with vinegar, and fput i¢ upon hyssop, and put it to his   
 mouth, 80 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar,   
 he said, 9 It is finished : and he bowed his head, and 8 gave ae». xvii.«.   
   
 up the ghost. 31The Jews » \* because it was the rver.s2.   
   
 preparation, \* that the bodies should not remain upon the # Devt. xx1.23.   
 cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an   
 high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken,   
   
 b render, finished. I# is the same word as in ver. 30.   
   
 © vender, accomplished. 4 omit,   
 © read and render, so they filled a spunge with the vinegar   
 f render, for perspicuity, fixed it upon a stalk of LigrsseTp:   
 8 render, yielded up his spirit. better, then.   
   
 not necessarily, immediate. Here we must 1} foot long, which would in this case be   
 suppose the “ Eloi,#loi, lama sabachthani” long enough, the feet of the crucified   
 to have been said meantime, and the three person not being ordinarily raised above   
 hours’ darkness to have taken place. Per- that distance from the ground. It was   
 haps during some of this time Jolm was much used for sprinkling, Exod. xii. 22;   
 absent: see above. that the scripture Levit. xiv. 4 &e.; Ps. 5 30.] It is   
 might be accomplished] Various needless finished expresses the fulfiling of that ap-   
 objections have been raised to the appli- pointed course of humiliation, obedience,   
 cation of these words to the saying of the and suffering, which the Lord Jesus had   
 Lord which follows, and attempts have undertaken. That was now over,—the   
 been made—having it in view to leave no redemption of man accomplished,—and   
 pre-appointed particular of the circwm- from this time ‘the joy that was set before   
 stances of his suffering unfulfilled, thus: Him’ begins. It is beyond the purpose of   
 that all things were now finished, that the a note to bring out the many meanings of   
 Seripture might be accomplished : i. that this most important and glorious word.   
 all was now done in order to the accom- he bowed his head] We have the   
 plishment of Scripture. But it is much minuteness of an eye-witness, on whom   
 more natural to connect them with what every particular of this solemn momens   
 follows, and to understand, that Jesus, made an indelible impression. yielded   
 speaking doubtless also in intense present up his spirit] viz. in the words given by   
 agony of thirst, but only speaking because St. Luke, Father, into thy hands I com-   
 He so willed it, and because it was an mend my spirit—which was also the “loud   
 ordained part of the course which He had voice” mentioned by St. Matthew and   
 taken upon Him, said this word, I thirst. St. Mark. This “yielding up His spirit”   
 “He would not have sought this alle- was strictly a voluntary and determinate   
 viation of His suflerings, had He not act—no coming on of death, which had   
 known that this also pertained to the dis- no power over Him,—see ch. x. 18, and   
 tinguishing signs of the Messiah as given note on Luke xxiii. 46. 31—42.   
 in the Prophets. Whence this second Jesus in Death: and herein, 31—87.   
 motive is stated in addition: that the Proof of His Death. 31.] On the   
 Scripture might be accomplished.” Lampe. Jewish custom, see note, Matt. xxvii. 57.   
 Notice, it is not, fulfilled, is always that sabbath day was an high day,   
 otherwise expressed in the original, but being as it was (see note on ch. xviii. 28,   
 accomplished. 29.] The vinegar was and Matt. xxvi. 17) @ double sabbath: the   
 the sour wine, or vinegar and water, the coincidence of the first day of unleavened   
 common drink of the Koman soldiers. bread (Ex. xii. 16) with an ordinary sab-   
 a stalk of hyssop]. An aromatic plant bath. that their legs might be broken |   
 growing on walls, common in the south of The breaking of the legs was somctimes   
 England and on the Continent, with blue appended to the punishment of ern on,   
 or white flowers, and having stalks about but docs not appear to have beeu inflicted