ST, JOHN. OW;   
   
 when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands,   
 and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou   
   
 m 2 Pet. 14, wouldest not. 1 This spake he, signifying ™ by » what   
 death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken   
 this, he saith unto him, Follow me. 20 [¢ Then] Peter,   
 turning about, secth the diseiple " whom Jesus loved fol-   
 neh. xiif.   
 25: xx. lowing ; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and   
   
 said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? 214 Peter   
 secing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and ¢ what shall this man   
 o Matt. 27, 2 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry ° till   
 2 do?   
 +I come, what 7s that to thee? follow thou me. 23 f Then   
   
 » render, What manner of death. © omit.   
 4 yead, Peter then.   
 € literally, this man, what ? i.e. how shall this man fare?   
 f render, This saying therefore went.   
   
   
 girdedst thyself up for My work, and the same shore, Matt. iv. 19.   
 wentest hither and thither—but hereafter 20.] The details necessary to complete   
 there shall be a service for thee harder the narrative are obscure, and only hinted   
 and more strictly confined.’ thou shalt at in the background. It seems that   
 stretch forth thy hands] ‘but not as just Peter either was at the time of the fore-   
 now, in swimming ;—in a more painful going conversation walking with Jesus,   
 manner, on the transverse heam of the cross ; and turned round and saw John follow-   
 and another—the executioner—shall gird ing,—or that he moved towards Him on   
 thee,—with the cords binding to the eross.’ the termination of it (but certainly not   
 Such is the traditionary account of the from a misunderstanding of the words   
 death of Peter. Jerome says, that “he “ Follow Me,” see ver. 21). I can hardly   
 was crowned with martyrdom under Nero, conceive Him moving away on uttering   
 heing crucified with his head downwards these words, and summoning Peter away   
 and his feet upwards, hecause he alleged in private. It seems in the highest degree   
 himself to he unworthy of heing crucified unnatural. This description and identitica-   
 jn the same manner as his Lord.” tion of the disciple whom Jesus loved is   
 shall carry thee] viz. in the lifting up evidently inserted to justify his following,   
 after the fastening to the cross—or perhaps and is a strong token of St. John’s hand   
 in making thee go the way to death, having written this chapter; see ch. xiii.   
 bearing thy cross. whither thou 23. 21.] Peter’s question shews that.   
 wouldest not] “For,” says Augustine, he had rightly understood the Lord’s pro-   
 “who wishes fo die? Truly no one: and pheey respecting him, He now wishes to   
 so universal is this that it was said know what should befall his friend and   
 to St. Peter, Another shall gird thee and colleagne,—“ giving him a return (for his   
 carry thee whither thou wouldest not.” similar service in eh. xiii. just referred   
 19. Follow me] Not to be under- to), and, in the idea that he too might   
 stood, I think, of present gesture of the be desirous to ask about himself, but might.   
 Lord calling Peter aside ;—but, from the lack the courage, Peter took up the   
 next verse, followed perhaps by a motion enquiry.” Chrysostom. This was not   
 of Peter towards Him, in which John mere idle curiosity, but that longing which   
 joined. The words seem to he a plain we all feel for friends. “Is he not to   
 reference to ch. xiii. the follow- follow Thee too? is he not to go the same   
 ing,—a following through the Cross to way of death with us?” Euthymius.   
 glory;—see Matt. xvi. 24; Mark x. 21. 22.] The words what is that to thee?   
 Now, however, “taking up the cross” is imply a rebuke ;—not perhaps however so   
 omitted. He nad made this so plain, that sharp a one as has been sometimes seen in   
 it needed not expressing. There was also them. ‘They remind Peter of the distinct-   
 +a forcible reminding Peter of the first ness of each man’s position and duty before   
 .time when he had heard this command on the Lord; and the subsequent command,