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 was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter   
 was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that   
 he would not delay to come to them. %? Then Peter arose   
 and went with them. When he was come, they brought   
 him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by   
 him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which   
   
   
 Dorcas made, while she was with them. 40 But Peter   
 P put them all forth, and %kneeled down, and prayed ; jan Vita”   
 and turning him to the body ‘said, Tabitha, arise. And 3 “ Gch. oo,   
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 she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat   
 41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up,   
 and when he had called the saints and widows, presented   
   
 her alive. 42 And it was known threxghout all Joppa;   
 and many believed in the.-Lord. 4 And it came to pass, te ce   
 that he tarried many days in Joppa with one ‘Simon a ‘\*®   
   
 tanner.   
 X. 1 There was a certain man in Czsarea called Corne-   
   
 names. 39. all the widows] The Gentiles, might have formed one party,   
 widows of the place, for whom she made and the Hebrews, with Peter at their   
 tiese garments. made] i.e. used head, the other. But, as Neander ad-   
 to make (i.e. weave): not ‘had made.’ mirably observes, ‘ pernicious influence   
 40. put them all forth] After the with which, from the first, self-seeking   
 example of his divine Master, see viii. and one-sided prejudices of human nature   
 54. 43. a tanner] From the extracts threatened the divine work, was counter-   
 jn Wetstein and Schéttgen, it appears that acted by the superior influence of the   
 the Jews regarded the occupation of a Holy Spirit, which did not allow the dif-   
 tanner as a half-unclean one. In this case ferences of men to reach such a point of   
 it would shew, as De Wette observes, that antagonism, but enabled them to retain   
 the stricter Jewish practices were already unity in variety. We recognize the pre-   
 disregarded by the Apostle. It also would venting wisdom of God,—which, w ile   
 shew, in how little honour he and his office giving scope to the free agency of man,   
 were held by the Jews at Caesarea. knows how to interpose His immediate   
 Cuar. X. 1—48.] Conversion (BY revelation just at the moment when it is   
 SPECIAL DIVINE PREARRANGEMENT) AND requisite for the success the divine work,   
 BAPTISM OF THE GENTILE CORNELIUS AND —by noticing, that when the Apostles   
 wis party. We may remark, that the necded this wider development of their   
 conversion of the Gentiles was no new idea Christian knowledge for the exercise of   
 to Jews or Christians, but that it had been their vocation, and when the lack of it   
 universally regarded as to take place by would have been exceedingly detrimental,   
 their reception into Judaism. Of late, —at that very moment, by a remarkable   
 however, since the Ascension, we see the coincidence of inward revelation with a   
 truth that the Gospel was to be a Gospel chain of outward circumstances, the illu-   
 of the uncircumcision, beginning to be mination hitherto wanting was imparted   
 recognized by some. Stephen, carrying to them, 1. Cesarea] As this town   
 out the principles of his own apology, bears an important part in early Christian   
 could hardly have failed to recognize it: history, it will be well to give here a full   
 and the Cyprian and Cyrenwan mission- account of it. CasaRrEa (“of Palestine,”   
 aries of ch. xi. preached the word to the called “by the sea” [as we say, “super   
 Grecians (not the Grecian Jews) cer- mare”) in several places in Josephus, or   
 tainly before the conversion of Cornelius. Stratonis [see below ],—distinguished from   
 This state of things might have given rise Cesarca Philippi, see note Matt. xvi. 13)   
 to a permanent schism in the infant is between Joppa and Dora, 68 Roman   
 ehureh. The Hellenists, and perhaps miles from Jerusalem according to tle   
 Saul, with his definite mission to the Jerusalem Itinerary, 75 according to Jo-