25—37, THE ACTS.   
   
 into the theatre. 3° And when Paul would have entered   
 in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. 31 And   
 certain of the 4 chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent   
 unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure   
 himself into the theatre. 3? Some therefore cried one   
 thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused ;   
 and the more part knew not wherefore they were come   
 together. 88 And they drew Alexander out of the mul-   
   
   
   
 titude, the Jews putting him forward. And ‘ Alexander ‘3°. 4";"   
 Sbeckoned with the hand, and would have made his edxtv. Tim,   
   
 defence unto the people. 3! Bnt when they knew that he   
 was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two   
 hours cried out, Great is ¥ Diana of the Ephesians, 85 And   
 when the townclerk had appeased the § people, he said, Ye   
 men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how.   
 that the city of the Ephesians is a t worshipper of the   
 great goddess \* Diana, and of the image which fell down   
 from Jupiter? %5 Seeing then that these things cannot be   
 spoken against, ye ought to be quict, and to do nothing   
 rashly. 37 For ye have brought hither these men, which’   
   
   
   
   
 4 see note.   
 T render, some of the multitude drew forth Alexander.   
 § render, multitude.   
 t literally, a temple-keeper :   
 see note,   
   
 known of any that have remained to us victim to the fury of the mob: or perhaps   
 from antiquity.” Conybeare and Howson, one of themselves, put forward to clear   
 ii. p. note 3. 31. certain of the them of blame on the oceasion. 34.   
 chief of Asia] Literally, of the Asiarchs. when they knew that he wasa Jew] They   
 These Asiurchs were officers elected by the would hear nothing from a Jew, as being   
 eities of the proviuce of Asia to preside an enemy of image-worship. 35.] The   
 over their games and religious festivals. townclerk is the nearest English office   
 Of these it would be natural that the one corresponding to that here mentioned in   
 who for the time presided would bear the the original. He was the keeper of the   
 title of “the Asiarch:” but no more is arehives, and public reader of decrees, &e.,   
 known of snch presidency. The Asiarch in the assemblies. The word here   
 Philip at Smyrna is mentioned by Eusebius rendered worshipper probably means a   
 as presiding in the amphitheatre at the virger, or adorner of the temple: here used   
 martyrdom of Polyearp. These Ephesian as implying that Ephesus had the charge   
 games in honour of Artemis took place in and keeping of the temple. The title is   
 May, which whole month (another sin- found on inscriptions as belonging to   
 gular coincidence with the practices of Ephesus ; and seems to have been specially   
 idolatrous Christendom) was sacred to, and granted by the emperors to particular   
 named Artemisian after, the goddess. cities. of the image which fell down   
 33. drew forth] i.e. urged forward, from Jupiter] To give peculiar sanctity to   
 through the crowd; the Jews pushing him various images, it was given out that they   
 on from behind.—Alexander does not seem had fallen from heaven. See examples in   
 to be mentioned elsewhere (but see on my Greek Test. This artifice also been   
 2 Tim. iv. 14). He appears to have been imitated by the paganized Christianity of   
 a Christian convert from Judaism, whom the wretched Church of Rome. 37.)   
 the Jews were willing to expose as a From this verse it appears that Paul had.