THE ACTS. XX. 26—88.   
   
   
 23 Wherefore I take you to °vecord this day, that I am   
 . Spure from the blood of all men. 27 For >I have not   
 . shunned to declare unto you all ‘the counsel of God.   
 ». 2°8\* heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the   
 . flock, over the which the Holy Ghost !hath made you   
 P overseers, to feed the church of 4 God, ™ which he [? Aath]   
 purchased ® with his own blood. \* [t For] I know [? ¢/is],   
 ,, that after my departing °shall grievous wolves enter in   
 among you, not sparing the flock. \*° Also, Pof your own   
 \* selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw   
 away § disciples after them.   
 member, that ‘by the space of three years I ceased not to   
 warn every one night and day with tears.   
 brethren, I commend you to God, Therefore the word and of his   
   
   
 32 And now,   
   
   
 iv, grace, which is able ‘to build you up, and to give you tan   
 “inheritance among all them which are sanctified. 33 uy   
 have coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Yea,   
 ye yourselves know, \*that these hands’ have ministered   
 unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.   
   
   
 © vender, witness. P render, bishops.   
 4 The most ancient authorities have, as here, God: some of the very ancient   
 have, the Lord: the early Syriac version, and Origen, have, Christ: many   
 others have, the Lord and God.   
 8 render, the disciples.   
 T omit.   
 and other dangers awaiting him, he own selves does not necessarily signify the   
 might well expect never to return, Con- presbyters: he speaks to them as being   
 sequently, what he here says need not the whole flock. 81.] On the three   
 fetter our judgment on the above question. years spoken of in this yerse, see note,   
 28. the flock] This similitude does eh. xix. 10. We may just remark here (1)   
 not elsewhere occur in Paul’s writings. that this passage being preeise and definite,   
 We find it, where we should naturally must be the master-key to those others (as   
 expect it, used by him, to whom it was in ch, xix.) whieh give wide and indefinite   
 said, ‘Feed my sheep,’ 1 Pet. v. But notes of time: and (2) that it seems at   
 it is common in the O. T. and sanctioned first sight to preclude the idea a journey   
 by the example of our Lord Himself: Luke (as some think) to Crete and Corinth   
 xii. 32. over the which the Holy having taken place during this period.   
 Ghost hath made you .. .] See ch. xiii. But this apparent inference may require   
 bishops] See on ver. 17, and Theo- modifying by other circumstances: compare   
 doret on Phil. i. 1, Apostle calls the Introduction to 1 Cor. § v. 4. 32.   
 elders (presbyters) bishops: for at that which is able] Clearly spoken of God,   
 time they had both names.” the not of the word of His grace, which cannot   
 church of God] On the variety of reading be said to give an inheritance, however it   
 here, aud the reasons which have led me might beild up.—The expression “an in-   
 to adlicre to that in the text, see in. my heritance among all them that are sanc-   
 Greek Test. 29. grievous wolves] tified” is strikingly similar to “his inke-   
 Not persecutors, but false teachers, from ritance in the saints” Eph. i. addressed   
 the words “enter in among you,” by which to this same church. See also ch. xxvi. 18.   
 it appears that they were to come in among 38.] See 1 Sam. xii. 3; and for   
 the flock, i.e. to be baptized Christians. similar avowals by Paul himself, 1 Cor. ix.   
 In fact ver. 30 is explanatory of the meta- 1), 12; 2 Cor. xi. 8,9; xii. 34.   
 phoric meaning of ver. 29. 80.) your these hands] Also strikingly in Paul’s