2—20. THE ACTS. 801   
   
 12 And ®one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, »®!=™   
 having a good report of all the ? Jews which dwelt there, 9s#:%hi.7.   
 came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother   
   
 Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up   
 upon him. 14 And he said, ¢The God of our fathers 4%!   
 Thath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and‘   
 Ssee ‘that Just One, and "shouldest hear the voice of his i   
 15x For thou shalt be his witness unto all men a   
 mouth. thou hast seen and heard.   
 tarriest thou ? arise, and be baptized, \*and wash away thy 15 eo   
 sins, \* calling on ¢the name of the Lord. 16 And now why x x   
 to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even ?s";   
 17 And Pit came ach   
   
 2Cor. xii,   
 while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance; and   
 \*saw him saying unto me, 4 Make haste, and get thee ait.   
   
 quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy   
 testimony concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord, ° they ev 4   
 know that I imprisoned and ‘beat in every synagogue ‘™Matt.x.17.   
 them that believed on thee; \*0 and when the blood of gcn.viiss.   
   
 thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and oe   
 » consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them ¥! vied   
   
 © read, with all our oldest authorities, his name.   
   
   
 tian is not here mentioned,—and “having of Jesus, “that Just One.” Paul carefully   
 a good report of all the Jews which dwelt avoids mentioning to the Jews this Name,   
 there” is added: both, as addressed to a except where it is as in ver. 8:   
 Jewish audience. Before the Roman go- so again he says, I saw him, ver. 18.   
 vernor in ch. xxvi., he does not mention 17.] viz. as related ch. ix.   
 him at all, but compresses the whole sub- where nothing of this vision, or its   
 stance of the command given to Ananias been the cause of his leaving Jerusalem, is   
 into the words spoken by the Lord to hinted. 19.] The probable account   
 himself. A heathen moralist (Horace) of this answer is, that Paul thought his   
 could teach, “Of whom, and what, thou former great zeal against Christ, con-   
 speakest, and to whom, Take frequent trasted with his present zeal for Him,   
 heed :” and a Christian Apostle was not: would make a deep impressiou on the Jews   
 unmindful of the necessary caution. Such in Jerusalem: or, perhaps, he wishes by   
 features in his speeches are highly instruc- his earnest preaching of Jesus as the Christ   
 tive and yaluable to those who would among them, to undo the mischief of   
 gather from Scripture itself its own real which he before was the agent, and there-   
 character: and be, not slaves to its fore alleges his former zeal and his con-   
 but disciples of its spirit. 14—16 is senting to Stephen’s death as reasons why   
 not related, but included, in ch. ix. 19. he should remain in Jerusalem. 20.   
 14. The God of our fathers] So thy martyr] So A. V., following Beza:   
 Peter, ch. iii, 13; v. 30. In ch. ix. 17, the Vulgate, and Erasmus, ‘thy witness,’   
 “the Lord” is the word: this title is which is the primary meaning of the   
 given the Jews. that Just One} rd martyr in Greek. «The Apostle   
 So Stephen, ch. vii. 52. How forcibly may have here used the word (speaking in   
 must the whole scene have recalled Ain, Hebrew) in its strict primary sense ; for   
 whom presently (ver. 20) he mentions hy a view of Christ in His glor: youch-   
 name. 16. wash away thy sins} This safed to Stephen, and it was by bearing   
 was the Jewish as well as the Christian wituess of that manifestation that ho   
 doctrine of baptism.—See 1 Cor. vi. and hastened his death (ch. vii. 55 ff). The   
 note. calling on his name] i.e. the name present meaning of the word martyr did,