Til. 1, 2. Il. TIMOTHY. 567   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 of wrong, \* \*in meckness correct- x 6st via.   
 patient, in meekness in- d i vit,   
 structing those that oppose ing those that oppose themselves; 1 ¥et-iti   
 themselves; if God per- yif God peradventure will give them y acts viti.2.   
 adventure will give thew   
 repentance to the acknow- repentance “in order to the know- «1% - i.   
 ledging of the truth ; © and ledge of the truth; \*6 and that they ™ he   
 that they may recover them- may return to soberness \*out of the a1tim.ul.7.   
 selves out of the snare of| snare of the devil, having been taken   
 the devil, who are taken eaptive by him Pin pursuance of >See Romxix.   
 captive by him at his will.   
 III. ' This know also, God’s will. xvi.   
 that in the days perilous   
 times shall come. \* For IIL. 1 But know this, that \*in aim   
 men shall be lovers of their the last days grievous times shall 2 Pet.   
 own selves, covetous, boast- eome. 2 For men shall be lovers »?niicn. 18,   
 ers, proud, blasphemers, of their own selves, \* lovers of money, o2Pet.it.s.   
   
 be, on account of the contrast which the 1,] But (the contrast is in the dark   
 Apostle is bringing out, regarded as pro- prophetic announcement, so different in   
 minent here), patient of wrong (so Cony- character from the hope just expressed)   
 beare; and perhaps we can hardly find know this, that in the last days (see   
 a better expression, though ‘wrong’ does 1 Tim. iv. 1, where the expression is some-   
 not by any means cover the whole mean- what different. The period referred to   
 ing), in meekness correcting (not, as A. V., here is, from all New Test. analogy [com-   
 ‘instructing’) those who oppose them- pare 2 Pet. iii. Jude 18], that imme-   
 selves; if at any time (literally, at diately preceding the coming of the Lord.   
 any time’) God may give them repent- That day and hour being hidden from all   
 ance (because their consciences were im- men, and even from the Son Himself, Mark   
 pure [see above on ver, 22] and lives evil) xiii, 32,—the Spirit of prophecy, which is   
 in order to the knowledge of [the] truth the Spirit of the Son, did not reveal to   
 (see note, 1 Tim. ii. 4); and they may the Apostles its place in the ages of time.   
 return to soberness (a similar word is used They, like the subsequent generations of   
 in 1 Cor. xv. 34: from their moral and the Church, were kept waiting for it, and   
 spiritual intoxication) out of the snare of for the most part wrote and spoke of it   
 the devil (gen. subj., ‘the snare which as soon to appear; not however without   
 the devil laid for them.’ There is pro- many and sufficient hints furnished by the   
 perly no confusion of metaphor, the idea Spirit, of an interval, and that no short   
 being that these persons have in a state one, first to elapse. In this place, these   
 of intoxication been entrapped, and are last days are set before Timothy as being   
 enabled, at their awaking sober, to escape), on their way, and indeed their premoni-   
 having been (during their spiritual in- tory symptoms already appearing. The   
 towication) taken captive by him in discovery which the lapse of centuries and   
 pursuance of God’s will (the literal ren- the ways of Providence have made to us,—   
 dering is: “having been taken captive “my Lord delayeth His coming,”—wis-   
 by him towards the will of that other.” leads none but unfiithful servants: while   
 And that other is God, who has already the only modification in the understanding   
 been mentioned in ver. 25. In the former of the premonitory symptoms, is, that   
 editions of my Greek Test. I took another us, He with whom a thousand years are as   
 view, but have now changed my opinion. one day has spread them, without chang-   
 It is God who overrules the workings of ing their substance or their trath, over   
 God’s enemy, and who hath made all things many consecutive ages. See 1 Jolin ii.   
 for Himself—even the wicked for the day —where we have the still plainer asser-   
 of evil. On the varieties of rendering, see tion, “ Zt is last time”) grievous times   
 the note in my Greek Test.). shall come (literally, be instant”).   
 Cu. UI. 1—9.] Warning of bad times 2.) For (reason for the epithet   
 to come, in which men shall be ungodly “ grievous”) men shall be lovers of their   
 and hypocritical :—nay, against such men own selves, lovers of money, empty   
 as already present, and doing mischief. boasters, haughty, evil speakers (not