14— 6. ST. LUKE. 295   
   
 in the presence of God; and iam sent to speak unto thee,   
 and to shew thee these glad tidings. % And, behold,   
 Y thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day vs»:   
 that these things shall be performed, because thou \* de-   
 Hievest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their   
   
 season. ®1 And the people ! waited for Zacharias, and   
 marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. 8 And   
   
 when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and   
 they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple:   
 mfor he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.   
 23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as “the days of his w#4?xins   
   
 ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own 1 Chron.   
 house. % And after ° those days his wife Elisabeth con-   
 ceived, and hid herself five months, saying, °5 Thus hath   
 the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on   
   
 me, to \*take away my reproach among men. % And in Isa. 1:   
 i render, was. & render, believedst.   
 1 yender, Were waiting. ™ render, and.   
 2 render, was beckoning. © render, these.   
   
 xii. 15. The names of the angels, resentative of the 22.] They   
 the Rabbis, came up with Israel from new, by some excitement, visible his   
 Babylon. We first of both Michael manner. It was not his to pronounce   
 and Gabriel in the book of Daniel. But the benediction, but that the other in-   
 we are not therefore to suppose that censing priest so that ‘ not being   
 were borrowed from any heathen system, to speak,’ must mean, in answer to the   
 as Strauss and the rationalists done; enquiries which his unusual appearance   
 the fact being, that the and order prompted. This answer he gave by a   
 of the angels were known long before, sign: and the question was also signs;   
 their names formed matter of subsequent for (see ver. 62) he was deaf, as well as   
 revelation to See Josh. v. dumb, which indeed is the meaning   
 that stand in the presence of of the word used in original. 5   
 one of the chief ls near the throne of assoonas....] The week during which   
 God. They are seven in Tobit, as his course on duty. Mr. Greswell, by   
 above. 20.] We must not consider much elaborate calculation, made it   
 this dumbness solely as punishment ; it probable, but only as one out of several   
 was algo a sign, Zacharias required. alternatives, this week was Tisri   
 It is impossible for us to say what the priest ministrations. 20— October 6, of   
 degree of unbelief in Zacharias and the sixth year before the Christian era.   
 therefore we can be no judges as to his Judges A 13, and dumb person, we thus   
 being deserving of punishment (against from was not precluded it some of and   
 Strdues and the rationalists). and a t,—or, from the precaution which   
 not able to speak] This is not a repe- the first of pregnancy require.   
 tition, but an explanation of the ground Kuinoel suggests, that the reason may   
 and reason of his until day have been, that she might devote hersel   
 that these shall be performed] more uninterruptedly to exercises of de-   
 «What day? that of the birth and the votion and thankfulness, and that this   
 iving of the Euthymius. 21.) expressed by the following. my   
 lt was customary for the priest at the reproach] of barrenness see reff.   
 time of prayer not to remain long in the 26—88.] ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SAME   
 holy place, for fear the who were   
 without might imagine that any vengeance   
 had been inflicted on him for some in-   
 formality ;—ns he was considered the re-