II. 1. ST. LUKE. 301   
   
 prepare his ways; 77 to give knowledge of salvation unto   
 his people \* ™ dy the remission of their sins 78 3 through the \* Mak! $   
 tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on pr jum.   
 high hath visited us, 7 ‘to give light to them that sit in §7h7%) xi.   
 wiih   
 darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet ‘Mit Mu.   
 into the way of peace. 80 And " the child grew, and waxed 0, Matt.   
 strong in spirit, and ‘was in the deserts till the day of his ¥ 16.   
 xxvi.   
 shewing unto Israel.   
 II. 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went   
   
 ™ vender, in. 2 render, on account of the bowels of mercy.   
 the believing Christian will find it far should. be inconsistent with dogmatic   
 more natural thus to it, especially truth, is that it should   
 connexion with Matt. i. 21. 77.) in it minutely, is in the highest im-   
 remission, the element which the former probable, 80.) A very similar con-   
 blessing was to be conferred. The remis- clusion to those in ch. ii. 40, 62, and   
 sion of sin is the first for the denoting probably the termination of   
 knowledge of salvation: seo ch. 7. record or document of the birth of the   
 78. dayspring) The springing up, Baptist, which the Evangelist hitherto   
 or, the East, is in Jer. 6, Zech. been translating, or perhaps transcribing   
 9, vi. 12, the LXX rendering for the already translated. That this first   
 Hebrew word for a branch or chapter is such a separate document,   
 thus, ‘that which springs up or rises,’ appears from its very distinct style.   
 Light :—which, from the clauses hether it had been preserved in the   
 seems to be the meaning here. from holy family, or how otherwise obtained   
 on high may be taken with dayspring, St. Luke, no trace now appears. It has a   
 asin A. V.:—or perhape with the verb to certain relation and at the same time   
 give light. But however taken, the ex- is distinguished the narration of   
 Pression is not quite easy to understand. next chapter. The Old Testament spirit   
 e word had come apparently to be a is stronger here, the very phraseology   
 name for the Messiah: thus in Zech. iii. more in unison with usage.   
 9 (LXX. see above), behold a man, his in the deserts] The Aili of Judea   
 name is “ the up,” or “ the was very near this wilderness, from   
 (the A.V. has the and then figures the character of John’s official after-   
 arising from the meaning of the word wards, it is probable that in youth he   
 itself, mixed with that which was would be given to and abstemious-   
 said of Him. The dayspring does not ness. It cannot be supposed that the   
 come from on high, but from beneath the Eassenes, dwelling those parts, had any,   
 horizon ; but the Messiah does. Again, or only the general kind of influence   
 to give light, of the next verse over him, as views were wholly   
 to the dayspring, only figuratively from his. his shewing] i.e. the   
 to the Messiah. 79.) Care must be of his official the same word is of   
 taken on the one hand not to degrade the the appointment of the seventy in x. 1.   
 expressions of song of praise mere Cnap. II. 1—20.] Bietu or Curist.   
 anticipations of prosperity, nor, Irs ANNOUNCEMENT AND CELEBRATION   
 on the other, to in it in so BY THE HOSTS OP HEAVEN.   
 as they are involved in the inner and 1, 2.] We go back again now to the birth   
 deeper sense of the words, unknown save of John, or after it. Tn an-   
 to the Spirit who prompted them) the notating on these verses, will first   
 minute doctrinal distinctions the writ- the difficulty which they appear to be   
 ings of St. Paul. It is the expression involved,—t the remarkable way in   
 the aspirations hopes of a pious which a solution has recently found.   
 waiting for the salvation the Lord, The assertion in these verses   
 ing that salvation near, and utter- this—that a decree went forth, &e., and   
 ing his thankfulness in Old Testament that this enrolment took place when   
 lan; , with which he was familiar, Qyrenius (Quirinus) governor Ks Syria.   
 at the same time under prophetic It would then appear, either that this   
 of the Holy Spirit. That such a song very enrolment took under Quirinus,