84—44, ST. LUKE. 3807   
   
 to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their   
 own city Nazareth. 4° And the child grew, and waxed ever,   
 strong [4 in spirit,] \* filled with wisdom: and’ the grace of   
   
 God was upon 8 him.   
 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem ‘every year at Broa. x,   
 the feast of the passover. 4? And when he was twelve 18,17:   
 years old, ¢ they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of   
   
 the feast. 8 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they   
   
 returned, the "child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem ;   
 and V Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they,   
 supposing him W do have been in the eompany, went a day’s   
 ¥ vender, becoming filled. 5 literally,   
 & omit.   
 t read and render, and they went up after the custom of the feast,   
 and had fulfilled the days, . . .   
 U render, boy or youth: the word has been the diminutive hitherto, but   
 ceases to be.   
 V many ancient authorities have, parents. W render, to be.   
   
 faith. As the two accounts now stand, it reconciled (seo further in note on John   
 is wholly impossible suggest any satis- vii. 42). 40.) grew—in body— waxed   
 factory method of uniting ; every one strong, in spirit: the addition of these   
 who haa attempted it has, some part or words to the text wes a correct gloss.   
 other of his hypothesis, violated proba- “The body advances im stature, and the   
 bility and common sense. But, on the soul in wisdom .. . the divine nature re-   
 other hand, it is equally impossible vealed its own wisdom in proportion to   
 nitely to say, they could sot be recon- the measure of the bodily growth,” Cyril.   
 ciled by a thorough knowledge of facts ° becoming filled: ver. 62 and   
 themselves ; and an assertion, note there.   
 ever made, shews t ignorance of the 41—53.] Visit To THE TEMPLE AT   
 origin and course oral narration. How THR Passover. The history of this in- |   
 many things will a relator say, un- cident serves for example of the   
 aware of certain important circumstances wherewith the Child was becoming filled.   
 outside his narrative, seem to pre- “The Evangelist next shows that what he   
 clude those circumstances? How often has said is true,” i 41.] See   
 will pointe time be apparently brought Exod. xxiii. Women, according   
 close together in such a narration, — to the maxims of the school Hillel,   
 between which, events most weighty to bound to go up once in the year—to the   
 the his! have occurred ? The oni: Passover. 42.) At the age of twelve,   
 inference these two accounts, which 8 boy was called by the Jews ‘son of   
 is inevitable, that they are sholly Taw; and first incurred obligation.   
 ‘ indent one another. If St. Luke At that time, then, commences the second   
 had seen the Gospel of St. Matthew, or step (see note on 52) of the of the   
 vice versa, the variations are Lord, the time when the things becoming   
 ‘i licable ; the greatest absurdities for Him began; his course of blameless   
 of all involved in the of those legal obedience (see on ver. 21) his   
 who assume this, and then proceed to own person and by his own will. Now   
 harmonize. Of the dwelling at Nazareth first (ver. 49) appear those higher con-   
 before the Nativity, the circumstances sciousnesses to found expression, which   
 which brought Joseph and Mary to Beth- z unfolded within Him, till fall time of   
 lehem, of the Presentation in temple, his public ministry It cannot be   
 St. Matthew’s account knows nothing; inferred from this narrative, it was   
 of the visit of the Magi, the murder of the first time the holy had accom-   
 the Innocents, the flight to Egypt, St. panied them to the Passover, 48.)   
 Luke’s is unaware. In all the main cir- the days, seven days, Exod. xii. 16, 17.   
 cumstances of the and Nativity 44.) the company forming the cara-   
 they agree, or are easily and naturally