16—29. ST. LUKE. 867   
   
   
 me seattereth. %°When the unclean spirit is gone out of « Mott xi.   
 a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest ; and   
 finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence   
 I came out. % And when he cometh, he findeth it swept   
 and garnished. ° Then goeth he, and taketh to him   
 seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they   
 enter in, and dwell there: and P the last state of that man pJobav14   
 is worse than the first. Ew UP   
 87 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a   
 certain woman tof the company lifted up her voice, and   
 said unto him, ¢ Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and aob-1.24.   
 the paps which thou hast sucked. %8 But he said, Yea,   
 rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and \* ¥sti'i?"   
 keep it. ®\*And when the "people were gathered thick «Hat siia,   
 together, he began to say, Y This is an evil generation:   
 >t render, from among the multitude.   
 4 render, multitudes were gathering.   
   
   
   
   
 V read, This generation.   
 loosed for final conflict His suffer- in being His mother, as in her lowly   
 ance, shall cast him overthrown into the and fait! observance of the of the   
 lake of for ever. Rev. xx. 14. Lord spoken to her; see ch. ii. 19, 51.   
 23.] See on Matthew, ver. M26.) Nor in does He deny that to have   
 See on Matt. xii. 27, 28.) This borne Him was an honour—yea, rather:   
 little but most instructive here — yes, indeed, (4) In prophetic   
 interposed, serves shew the originality discernment. It will be seen that this   
 of St. Luke’s account, and that, answer cuts at the root of all of   
 its position be, it is of the high- Mary, and shews us in what the true   
 est authority. ‘The woman apparently was hononr of that holy woman consisted,—in   
 influenced by nothing but common-place JSaith and obedience. As the mother of   
 and unintelligent wonder at the sayings the Lord, she represents human race,   
 and doings of Jesus :—and she broke out, unto whom a child is born, a is given   
 with true womanly feeling, a blessing no individual exclusive honour is due to   
 of the mother who bare such a wonder- her, any more than to Cornelius, was   
 ful Teacher. Such seems to be the ac- singled oat from the Gentile world, and   
 count of the incident itself. Our honoured by an angelic message relative   
 Lord’s reply is indeed wonderful In to the divine purposes :—if she were, as   
 reproof. He corrects in her the un- there is reason to conclude she was,   
 apprehensiveness of His word, which had a believer her Son, the Son of man, she   
 caused her to go no further into the bore Christ in a far higher and more   
 meaning of it than this ordinary eulogy blessed sense by being His mother in   
 imported,—and gives her an admonition His humanity. And this honour may all   
 how to profit by it in future. believers in Him ke of with her;   
 (2) In\_ humility. @ disclaims all this therefore the says not “she that   
 kind of admiration, for humanity: and heareth.. .” but they that The last   
 says not ‘my word,’ but the word of God, and boldest perversion these words of   
 which is in fact the same, but takes the our Lord by Father Newman, viz., that   
 view off from Him in His abasewent, unto He thus does but still further exalt   
 the Father who sent Him. (8) In honour, in that, being His mother,   
 truth. He does not deny the honour she heard His word and kept it, onl:   
 hereby y pronounced upon His mother, but be mentioned, to show the follies whi   
 beautifully turns it its true side— able men are abandoned, who once desert   
 that which was given her long since— trath and simplicity. 29.) This is   
 Dleesed is she that believed, ch. i. 45. now in answer to those who sought of   
 Her blessedness consisted so much a sign from Heaven. when the mul-