650 THE ACTS. ie   
   
 eLuke xxii, PHeation, with ‘the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus,   
   
 49,55: and [P with] “his brethren.   
 dl Matt. 65. 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the   
   
 e Rev. iii. 4 disciples, and said, (the number ¢ of names together were   
 about an hundred and twenty,) 16 \* Men and brethren, this   
 Ps. xli. 'S scripture must necds have been fulfilled, which the Holy   
 Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning   
 Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.   
 . "he was numbered with us, and had obtained tyart For   
 18k Now this man purchased a field with   
   
 - ithis ministry.   
   
 P omit, 4 read, brethren.   
 ¥ Jeter render, for perspicuity’s sake, simply, Brethren. The original is   
 “Men [who are] brethren.”   
 8 render, Because.   
 t better literally, the lot. The word is the same as that so rendered in ver, 26.   
   
 note. 14. with the women] viz. those would hardly he used except where the   
 spoken of by St. Luke himself, Luke viii. number is small. See Rev. iii. and note.   
 2, 8,—where, besides those named, he an hundred and twenty] De   
 mentions many others. Some have pro- Wette asks, ‘ where were the 500 brethren   
 posed to render the phrase “with their of 1 Cor. xv. 6?’ We surely may answer,   
 :? but many of these were certainly ‘not in Jerusalem.’ 16.] We may   
 not wives of the Apostles ; and that those enquire, by what change in mind and   
 women who were ‘last at the Cross and power Peter was able, before the descent of'   
 earliest at the tomb’ should not have been the Spirit, thus authoritatively to speak of   
 assembled with the company now, is very Scripture and the divine purposes? The   
 improbable. and Mary the mother answer will be found in the peculiar gift of   
 of Jesus] The and gives eminence to one the Spirit to the Apostles, John xx. 21, 23 ;   
 among those previously mentioned. This where see note. — The pre-emineney of   
 is the last mention of her in the N. T. Peter here is‘ the commeneement of the.   
 The traditions, which descrive her as (1) fulfilment of Matt. xvi. 18, 19 (see note   
 dying at the age of fifty-nine, in fifth there). 17.] Because gives the   
 year of Claudius, or (2) accompanying St. reason of the previous assertion, viz.   
 John to Ephesus, and being buried there, Judas held, and had betrayed, that place   
 are untrustworthy. Other aceounts, with of high trust of which the prophecy spoke.   
 the authorities, may be seen in Butler’s ‘Thus it has reference to the substance of   
 Lives of the Saints, Ang. 15. The fable of the prophecy, already in Peter’s mind, and   
 the Assumption has no foundation even in serves to explain the words “his habita-   
 tradition. and his brethren] This tion,” and “his bishoprick,” which oceur   
 clearly shews, as does John vii. 5 eémpared in the prophecy. had obtained the   
 with vi. 67, 70, that none of the brethren lot] not literally, but inasmuch as the Jot   
 of our Lord were of the number of the of every man is regarded as being cast and   
 Twelve. When they were converted, is appointed by God. 18.] This verse   
 quite uncertain. See the whole subject cannot be regarded as inserted by St.   
 discussed in note on Matt. xiii. 55, and in Luke; for, 1. the place of its insertion   
 the Introduction to the Epistle of James. would be most unnatural for an historical   
 15—£6.] Exrction oF A TWELFTIE notice: 2. the form of its introduction in   
 APOSTLE 10 FILL THE ROOM OF JUDAS the original forbids the supposition: 3. the   
 Iscariot. 15. in those days] In the whole style of the verse is rhetorical, and   
 days between the Ascension and Pentecost : not narrative, e.g. “this man,” “the re-   
 during which it appears that the number of ward of iniquity.’—The statement, that   
 the assembly had increased, not probably he ought a field, does not appear to agree   
 by fresh conversions, but by the gathering with the account in Matt. xxvii, 6—8;   
 yound the Apostles of those who had pre+ nor, consistently with common honesty,   
 viously been diseiples. the number of can they be reeonciled, unless we knew   
 games] that is, of persons: but the term more of the facts than we do. If we com: