6—17. THE ACTS. 679   
   
 2 And 'by the hands of the apostles were many signs '%.'   
 and wonders wrought among the people; \* and they were ig: }te.°"   
 all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. 18 And ! of the | 5,   
 rest durst no man join himself to them: ™ but the people ; 12, Heb.   
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 magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to st 7 a   
 the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. 15 Ingo. inte”   
 much that they brought forth the sick into the streets,   
 and laid them on beds and couches, \* that at the least the \* Ane   
   
 shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of xix.   
 them. 16 There P came also 4a multitude [\* out] of the   
   
 cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing ° sick folks, and °Meryxvi.7   
 them whieh were vexed with unclean spirits: and they xiv.   
 were healed every one.   
   
 7 Ps Then the high priest rose up, and all they that pet.iv.120   
   
 P render, were coming. 4 render, the.   
 T omit. 8 render, But.   
   
 12—16.] Procrrss oF THE Fartn; to him the promise of Matt. xvi. 18 (see   
 MIRACULOUS POWER, AND DIGNITY, OF note there) :—and the shadow of the   
 THE APOSTLES. 12.] they were all, Rock (Isa. xxxii. 2, and E. V., spoken   
 i. e. Apostles only, not all the Chris- primarily of His divine Master) was sought   
 tians. It docs not follow from the word for. Weneed find no stumbling-block in   
 all referring to ald believers in ch. ii. the fact of Peter’s shadow having been   
 (see note there), it necessarily to believed to be the medium (or, as is   
 the same here also. The Apostles are the implied, having been the medium) of wi   
 subject of the parugraph: and it is to set ing miracles. Cannot the ‘Creator Spirit’   
 forth heir unanimity and dignity that the work with any instruments, or with none,   
 deseription is given. They are represented as pleases Him? And what is a hand ora   
 as distinct from all others, believers and voice, more than a shadow, except that the   
 unbelievers (both which I take to be in- analogy of the ordinary instrument is a   
 eluded under the term “ the rest”’): and greater help to faith in the recipient ?   
 the Jewish people itself magnified them. Where faith, as apparently here, did not   
 The further connexion see on ver. 14. need this help, the less likely was   
 Solomon’s porch] Sce ch. iii. John x. adopted.— See, on the whole, ch.   
 23, note. 13.] the rest: i.e. all else, note: and remark that only in the case of   
 whether helievers or not: none dared to our Lord (Luke viii. 46 and parallel   
 join himself to, as being one of, equal to, and His twogreat Apostles in the New Test.,   
 them: but (so far was this from being the —and of Elisha in the Old Test., have we   
 ease that) the very multitude magnified instances of this healing virtue in the   
 them. 14.] And (these clauses are contact with or accessories of the person.   
 parenthetical, but continue the description But what a fertile harvest of superstition   
 of the dignity of the Apostles) the result and imposture has been made to spring   
 of this was, that believers were the more out of these scanty examples! 16.   
 added to the Lord, multitudes of men and Observe, that the sense is, that ‘the mul-   
 women. 15.] This verse now takes titude, ke., was coming together to Jeru-   
 up afresh the main subject of vy. 12 salem, bringing, &c.,—and all such were   
 and 13, the glorification of the apostolic healed:’ viz. when the next incident,   
 office, insomuch that It is con- which forms a contrast to this waxing   
 nected not only with the multitude mag- prosperity of the Chureh, happened.   
 nifying them, but also with ver. 12. 17—42.] IMPRISONMENT, MIRACULOUS   
 into the streets] literally, down [the] LIBERATION, EXAMINATION BEFORE THE   
 streets, i. (x the line of the streets. Y2 SANHEDRIM, AND SCOURGING OF THE   
 the shadow of Peter] As the greatest, in APOSTLES. 17. the high priest)   
 pre-eminence and spiritual energizing, of Annas,—ch. iv. 6, and note on Luke iii.   
 the Apostles. Now especially was ue rose up is not redundant, but implies