VIL 1, 2. THE ACTS. 685   
   
 agreed: and when they had “ealled the apostles, ‘and ache   
 beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak 38134, 9.   
 in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 4! And they   
 (departed from the presence of the council, [\*\* rejoicing] \* Hatt.   
 $ that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for this initia’   
 name. 4% And daily tin the temple, and "iz every house, Jame   
 “they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus \* Christ. teh 3.   
 VI. 1 ¥ And in \* those days, \* when the number of the Soheitat i   
 disciples was # mudtiplied, there arose a murmuring of the 1 Pet. 18,   
   
   
   
 >b Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were »«   
 neglected °in the daily ministration. 6 20s   
 2Then the twelve °°   
 called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said,   
   
 4 render, departed rejoicing. T omit.   
 8 render, because. t render, the Name.   
   
 U yender, in the houses : see ch. ii. 46.   
 X render, the Christ: i. e. as the Christ.   
 Y render, But. 2 render, these.   
 4 render, multiplying.   
 » render, Grecian Jews, or, Hellenists.   
   
 tunity of compromising the matter, which additional distinction,—but rather distin-   
 Gamaliel had designedly afforded them. guished by language, as speaking the Syro-   
 40. when they had... . beaten Chaldaie, and using the Hebrew Scriptures.   
 them] Sce Deut. xxv. 2,—for disobedience wore neglected] literally,   
 to their command. 41. the Name] The use of this appropriate word shews,   
 Not “his Name,” as A.V., nor “this Name” I think, that Olshausen’s supposition, that   
 (as others), but the Name, par excellence, the term, their widows, implies ald their   
 viz. of Christ. So the term “the Name” poor, is not correct. Those poor who could   
 is used Levit. xxiv. 11, 16. 42.) On attend for themselves and represent their   
 in the houses see note, ch. ii. case, were served : but the widows, who re-   
 Cuap. VI. 1—7.] ELecTion oF SEVEN quired more searching out at their own   
 PERSONS TO SUPERINTEND THE DISTRIBU- houses, were overlooked. And this beeause   
 TION OF ALMS. 1.) But, in contrast the Apostles, who certainly before this had   
 to the former entire unity of the church: the charge of the duty of being   
 introducing that great and important already too much occupied in the ministry   
 chapter in her history, of Judaizing di- of the Word to attend personally to it,   
 visions, which from this time onward dis- entrusted it apparently to some deputies   
 quieted her. in these days] See ch. among the Hebrews, who had committed   
 i. 15 :—bnt not necessarily as there, this oversight. It has been shewn by   
 avery few days:’ the expression is quite Biscoe, that the Hellenistic Jews were   
 the Grecian Some time must have elapsed held in low estimation by the Hebrews.   
 since themselves proselytes, nor only were in the daily ministration] Some   
 who cameof families once proselytized,— but hhave argued from this, that there must   
 spoke Greek as their ordinai habitation, have been ‘deacons’ before: and that   
 and used ordinarily the LXX vers language, those now elected (see below on their   
 Hebrews were the pure Jews, were only for the service of the Hellenistic   
 sarily resident in Palestine (for example, Jews. But I should rather believe that   
 St. Paul, who was “an Hebrew, descended the Apostles had as yet, by themselves or   
 from Hebrews,” Phil. iii. See also 2 by non-official deputies, performed the   
 Cor. x! »—nor necessarily of wxmired duty. The ministration spoken of was the   
 Jewish descent, the words of St. Paul daily distribution of food: see on ver. 2.   
 just cited would hardly have conveyed an 2.] the multitude of the disciples,   
 —i.e. ‘the whole number of disciples Jeru-   
 salem:’ summoning a general meeting of   
 the church. How many they were in