716 THE ACTS. IX, 88—43   
 at Lydda.   
 83 And there he found a certain man named   
   
 Angas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was   
 sick of the palsy. % And Peter said unto him, Mnéas,   
   
 k ch, 1i1.6, k b Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy   
 iv. bed. And he arose immediately. 35 And all that dwelt   
 41 Chron. at Lydda and } Saron saw him, and ™turned to the Lord.   
 16. 86 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named   
 m ch, xi.   
 Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this   
 woman was full ® of good works and almsdeeds which she   
 n1 Tim, i1.10.   
 Tit. 8. did. 87 And it came to pass in those days, that she was   
 sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid   
 her in °an upper chamber. 88 And forasmuch as Lydda   
 och. 13,   
 D render here, Jesus the Christ.   
   
   
 arrival of Saul in Jerusalem, or after his 9; xxxv.2; Ixv. 10; Cant. ii. 1; 1 Chron.   
 departure: for Peter was there during his xxvii. 29. Mariti mentions a village   
 visit (Gal. i. 18). It seems most likely Saren between Lydda and Arsuf (see   
 that it was before his arrival. For (1) it Josh. xii, 18, marg. A. V.): but more   
 is St. Luke’s manner in this first part of recent travellers do not notice it.   
 the Acts, where he is carrying on several 86—43.] Raisine or TaBirHa FROM   
 histories together, to follow the one in THE DEAD. 36. at Joppa] Joppa   
 hand as far as some resting-point, and then was a very ancient Philistian city, on   
 go back and take up another: see ch. viii. the frontier of Dan, but not belonging   
 2 thus taken up from ver. 1: ver. 4 going to that tribe, Josh. xix. 46; on the coast   
 back to the dispersion:—ch. ix. 1 taken (ch. x. 6), with a celebrated but not very   
 up from viii. 3:—xi. 19, from viii. 4 secure harbour: (see 2 Chron. ii.16; Ezra   
 again :—and (2) the journey of Peter to iii. 7; Jonah i. 3; 1 Mace. xiv. 5; 2 Mace.   
 visit the churches which were now resting xii. 8)—situated in a plain (1 Mace. x. 75   
 after the persecution would hardly be —77) near Lydda (ver. 38), at the end of   
 delayed so long as three whole years. So the mountain road connecting Jernsalem   
 that it is most natural to place this see- with the sea, The Maccabean generals,   
 tion, viz. ix. 32—xi. 18 (for all this is Jonathan and Simon, took it from the   
 continuous), before the visit of Saul to Syrians and fortified it Mace. x. 74—765   
 Jerusalem, and during his stay at Damas- xiv. 5, 84). Pompey joined it to the pro-   
 cus or in Arabia. See further on xi. 19. vince of Syria, but Caesar restored it to   
 Lydda] Called Lod, Neh. vii. 37.— Hyrcanus, and it afterwards formed part   
 A large village near Joppa (ver. 38), on the of the kingdom of Herod and of Archelaus,   
 Mediterranean, just one day’s journey from after whose deposition it reverted to the   
 Jerusalem. It afterwards became the im- province of Syria, to which it belonged at   
 portant town of Diospolis. 33. Enéas] the time of our narrative. It was de-   
 ‘Whether a believer or not, does not ap- stroyed by Caius Cestius ; but rebuilt, and   
 pear; from Peter’s visit being to the became a nest of Jewish pirates, con-   
 saints, it would seem that he was: but sequence of which Vespasian levelled it   
 perhaps the indefinite term, a certain with the ground, and built a fort there,   
 man, may imply the contrary, as also which soon became the nucleus of a new   
 Peter’s words, announcing a free and un- town. It is now called Jaffa, and has   
 expected gift from One whom he knew about 7000 inhabitants, half of whom are   
 not. 35. all that dwelt in L. and Christians. Tabitha] This name, in   
 8. saw him;—which also (this is the Aramaic, answers to Dorcas, in Greck,   
 literal rendering, and is equivalent to signifying a gazelle. It appears also in   
 and they) turned to the Lord] A general the Rabbinical books as a female name:   
 conversion of the inhabitants to the faith the gazelle being in the East a fuvourite   
 followed. Saron] Perhaps not a vil- type of beanty. See Song of Sol. ii. 17;   
 lage, but the celebrated plain of that iv. 5; vii. 3.\ Lightfoot remarks, that she   
 name [Sharon], extending along the coast was probably a Hellenist (i.e. a Grecian   
 from Cwsarca to Joppa, sce Isa. xxxiii, Jewess), aud thus was known by both