728 THE ACTS. XI   
   
 word to none but unto [§¢he] Jews only. % t And some   
 of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when   
 they were come to Antioch, spake unto the \* Grecians,   
   
 rinkei.os. preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And? the hand of the Lord   
 ch, fi, was with them: anda great number ® dedieved, and \* turned   
 ach. ix. 22Then tidings of Y these things came unto   
 unto the Lord.   
 teh. ix. the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem : and they sent   
 8 omit. forth t that he should go as far as Antioch. °8 Who,   
   
 t render, But.   
 2 render, Grecians also. = render, Which believed.   
 Y render, them : it applies to the persons just mentioned, not to the things.   
   
 vol. i. pp. 149 ff, is a minute and in- tinctive sense, be said to have been an   
 teresting description of the city and\_its Apostle, as they were: see ch. xiv. 14, and   
 history, ancient and modern. See also Mr. note): but more probably, from what fol-   
 Lewin’s Life and Epistles of St. Paul, vol. lows, the intention was to ascertain the   
 i. p. 108 ff 20. some of them] not, fact, and to deter these persons from the   
 of these, Zast-mentioned Jews: but of those admission of the uncircumcised into the   
 who were scattered abroad. ‘This both church : or, at all to use his discre-   
 the sense and the form of the sentence tion in a matter on which they were as yet   
 require. men of Cyrene] of whom doubtful: The choice of such a man, one   
 Lucius mentioned ch. xiii. as being in by birth with the agents, and of a liberal   
 the church at Antioch, must have been spirit, shews sufficiently that they wished   
 one, Symeon called er (black), also to deal, not harshly, but gently and cau-   
 mentioned there, may have been a tiously,—whatever their reason was.   
 proselyte. Grecians] Many retain 23, 24.) It is on these verses principally   
 and. advocate here the reading Hellenists, that I depend as determining the character   
 or Grecian Jews. It appears mainly to of the whole narrative. It certainly is   
 have arisen from a mistaken view that the plied in them that the effect produced on   
 baptism of Cornelius must necessarily have Barnabas was something different from   
 preceded the conversion of other Gentiles. what might have been expected: that to   
 But that reading gives, in this place, no sympathize with the work was not the   
 assignable sense whatever: for (1) the intent of his mission, but a result brought   
 Hellenists were long ago a recognized part about in the heart of a good man, full of   
 of the Christian church—(2) among these the Holy Ghost and of faith, witnessing   
 who were scattered abroad themselves in the effects of grace (the force of the   
 all probability there were many Hellenists, original can hardly be given in an English   
 —and (3) the term Jews éncludes the version. It is not merely, ‘tke grace of   
 Hellenists,—the distinctive appellation of God, but the grace which [evidently]   
 pare Jews being not Jews but Hebrews, was that of God, which he recognized as   
 ch. vi. 1. Nothing to my mind can be that of God). And this is further con-   
 plainer, from what follows respecting Bar- firmed to my mind by finding that he   
 nabas, than that these Grecians were Gun- immediately went and sought Saul. He   
 TILES, uncircumcised ; and that their con- had been Saul’s friend at Jerusalem: he   
 version took place before any tidings had hhad doubtless heard of the commission   
 reached Jerusalem of the divine sanction which had been given to him to preach   
 given in the case of Cornelius. See below. to the Gentiles : but the church was wait-   
 21. the hand of the Lord was with ing the will of God, to know dow this was   
 them] By visible manifestations not to be to be accomplished. Here was an evident.   
 doubted, the Lord shewed it to be His door open for the ministry of Saul, and,   
 pleasure that they should go on with in consequence, as soon as Barnabas per-   
 such preaching ; the word them implying, ceives it, he goes to fetch him to begin   
 the preachers to the Gentiles, whose work his work in Antioch. And it was here,   
 the narrative now follows. 22. Bar- more properly, and not in Crsarea, that,   
 nabas] himself a Cyprian, ch. iv. 36.— the real commencement of the Gentile   
 His mission does not seem exactly to have church took place,—although simulta-   
 been correspondent to that of Peter and neously, for the convincing ot the Jewish   
 John to Samaria (mor cau he in any dis- believers at Jerusalem, and of Peter, and: