746 THE ACTS. XIII. 49—352.   
 eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord w   
   
 published throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews   
   
 stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the   
 x2 Tim. iii. chief men of the city, and \*raised persecution against   
 Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.   
   
 51 y But they shook off the dust of their feet against them,   
 and came unto Iconium. 52 And the disciples ? were filled   
 with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.   
 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went   
 XIV. 1   
 both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so   
 spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of   
   
 the Greeks believed. 2 But ethe unbelieving Jews stirred   
 up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against   
 the brethren. 3 Long time therefore abode they speaking   
 boldly in the Lord, \* which gave testimony unto the word   
 a Mark xvi.   
 Heb. ii. of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by   
 their hands. 4 But the multitude of the city was divided :   
   
   
 ® vender, the Jews which believed not stirred up and embittered   
 the minds of the Gentiles.   
   
 renderings as this of in the lying in a fertile plain at the foot of, and   
 Vulgate version had on the minds of men almost surrounded by, Mount Taurus. At   
 like St. Augustine and his followers in the this time, it was the capital of Lycaonia,   
 Western Church, in treating the great and had around it a distinct territory,   
 questions of free will, reprobation, ruled by a tetrarch, and probably on that   
 and final perseverance ; on some writers account is not reckoned to any of the above-   
 in the reformed churches who, though re- mentioned districts. It became famous in   
 jecting the authority of that version, were the middle ages as the capital of the Selju-   
 yet swayed by it away from the sense of kian Sultans, and had a great part in the   
 the original, here and in ch. ii. 47. The growth of the Ottoman empire. It is now   
 tendency of the Eastern Fathers, who read Konfa, a town of 30,000 inhabitants.   
 the original Greck, was, he remarks, in a 52.) See, for similar “joyful per-   
 different direction that of the Western orations,” as Dr. Wordsworth well de:   
 School. 50. devout women} Wo- nates them, Luke xxiv. 52; ch. v. 41; xii.   
 men had a strong religious influence 24.   
 for and against Christiani Cnap. XIV. 1. Greeks] Probably these   
 former ch, xvi. 14; xvii. 4; Phil. iv. 3; were of the number of the devout per-   
 1 Cor. vii. 16: for the latter, we have sons, or worshippers of God, mentioned   
 Josephus’s statement, that the majority of were xiii. or less attached to 4,17; xviii.   
 the wives of the Damascenes were \_prose- religion. of which believed not, who   
 lytes: which may be compared with ch. when Paul preached. Ver. 3 gives   
 ix, 22—25. These were proselytes of the the sequel of ver. 1,—ver. 4, of ver. 2.   
 gate, or at least inclined Judaism. 8. speaking boldly in the Lord]   
 expelled them] Though the chief men of i.e. ‘speaking with boldness, which bold-   
 the city, at the instigation, probably, of ness was grounded on confidence in the   
 their wives, were concerned, this seems to Lord.’ By the Lord here is meant Gov:   
 have been no legal expulsion: for we find see ch. iv. 29, 30, and ch. xx. 32, where   
 them revisiting Antioch on their return, we have joined together “ God, and the   
 ch. xiv. 21 ;—but only a compulsory retire- word of His grace.” and granted |   
 ment for peace, and their own satety’s or, by granting, &e. 4.) This wi   
 51.] As commanded by our Lord, the way in which God bore Ilis testimouy.   
 Matt. x. 14, where see note. Iconium |   
 A populous city, east of in Pisidia,