XVI. 1—3. THE ACTS.   
   
 Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. 99 And   
 the contention was so sharp between them, that they   
 departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas   
 took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; 4°and Paul chose   
 Silas, and departed, ° being recommended by the brethren o ca. xiv...   
   
   
 unto the grace of ¢ God. 41 And he went through Syria   
 and Cilicia, confirming the churches.   
 XVI. 1Then came he to \*Derbe and Lystra: peh. xvi.5.   
 behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, acn.   
 ©the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and   
 believed; but his father was a Greek: 2 which ¢was well 2" Fs   
 reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and, 1Co1   
 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him ; Phil,   
 and ¢ took and circumcised him because ni the Jews which ©1.0   
 were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father oa i. 5.   
 Teonium. dich. vi.8.   
   
   
   
 © read, the Lord.   
   
 man, We may well believe that St. Paul’s through the ‘Cilician gates,’ a rent or   
 own mouth gave originally the character fissure in the mouutain-chain of Taurus,   
 to the sentence. who departed from extending from north to south through a   
 them] See ch. xiii.13. It hence is evident distance of eighty miles. See various   
 that lis departure was not by the authority interesting particulars in Conybeare and   
 of the Apostles, 39.] “Paul sought Howson, i. p. 301 ff. notes. was   
 justice, Barnabas courtesy,” Chrysostom : there | At Lystra: which, and not Derbe,   
 who also remarks on their separate jour- was in all probability the birth-place of   
 neys,—“ It seems to me that their parting Timotheus, see on ch. xx. 4. This view is   
 was by agreement, and that they said to confirmed by ver. 2.—He had probably   
 one another, ‘ Since you will it, and I do been converted by Paul during his former   
 not, that we be not at strife, let divide visit, as he calls his son in the Lord,   
 our courses.’ So that they did this out of 1 Cor. iv. 17; 1 Tim. i. 2; 2 Tim. i. 2   
 a yielding spirit to one another.” Yet it perhaps at Antioch in Pisidia, see 2 Tim.   
 seems as if there were a considerable iii, 10, 11. His mother was Eunice, his   
 difference in the character of their setting grandmother, eee women of well-   
 out. Barnabas appears to have gone with ty, 2 Tim, i. 5. Whether his   
 his nephew without any special sympathy proselyte of the gate or not,   
 or approval ; whereas Paul was commended is uncertain: he certainly was uneircum-   
 to the grace of God by the assembled cised. He would be, besides his personal   
 church.—We find Mark afterwards re- aptness for the work, singularly fitted to   
 ceived into favour by Paul, see Col. iv. 10; be the coadjutor to Paul, by his mixed ex-   
 2 Tim. iv. 11; and in the former of those traction forming a link between Jews aud   
 places it would seem as if he was dependent Greeks. 2] Some of these testimo-   
 for his reception on Paul’s special com- nies were probably intimations of the   
 mendation. 40. Silas] He may per- Spirit respecting his fitness for the work   
 haps nave come down again to Antioch for Paul speaks, 1 ‘Tim. i. of “ the pro-   
 (see ver. 33) in Peter’s company. We phecies which went before on “thee” (sce ch.   
 find (see above on ver. 22) a Silvanus xili. 3). He was set apart for the work   
 (which is the same name) in 1 Pet. v. 12, by the laying on of the hands of Paul and   
 the bearer of that epistle to the congre- of the presbytery, 1 Tim. iv. 14; 2   
 gations of Asia Minor. 41. Syria ‘and 6, after he had made a good “conte: ion   
 Cilicia] See note, ver. 23. Here we finally before many witnesses, 1 Tim, vi. 12.   
 lose sight of Barnabas in the sacred record. 3. took and circumcised him] Every   
 Cuar. XVI. 1.] We have Derbe first, Israelite might perform the rite.   
 as lying nearest to the pass from Cilicia because of the Jews] That he might not   
 into Lyeaonia and Cappadocia Paul at once, wherever he preached, throw a   
 probably travelled by the ordinary road stumbling-block before the J by having   
 Vou. I. 3