764 THE ACTS. XVI..29—40.   
   
 we are all here. \*9 Then he called for ta light, and sprang   
 in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and   
   
 . Silas, 8%°and brought them out, and said, » Sirs, what   
 , must I do to be saved? %1 And they said, ¢ Believe on   
 \* the Lord Jesus [™ Christ], and thou shalt be saved, and   
 82 And they spake unto him the word of the   
 thy house.   
 Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took   
 them the same hour of the night, and ¥ washed their   
 stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.   
 atukes-29: 84 And when he had Y drought them into his house, “he set   
 meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God, with all   
 his house, 85 And when it was day, the magistrates sent   
   
   
 the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. 86 And the   
   
 t render, lights.   
 U omitted by our oldest MSS.   
 ¥ literally, washed them from their stripes.   
 Y render, brought them up.   
   
 finous in the annals of suicide. 29.3 sin,—and how indisputably therefore the   
 Not as A. V., ‘a light,” but lights: the answer embraces all sinners whatever,—   
 translators have mistaken a plural word there perhaps does not stand on record in   
 for a singular. 30. brought them the whole book a more important answer   
 out] Into the outer prison: not perhaps than this of Paul:—or, I may add, one   
 yet outside the prison, which (from ver. more strikingly characteristic of the   
 34, when he takes them up to his own Apostle himself and his teaching. We   
 Jiouse) seems to have been underground, or may remark also, in the face all attempts   
 at all events on a lower level in the same to establish a development of St. Paul’s   
 building. In this same space they seem to doctrine according to mere external cir-   
 have been joined by the jailor’s family,—to cumstances, — that this reply was given   
 have converted and baptized them, and to before any one of his extant epistles was   
 have been taken (to the well ?) and washed written, and thy house does not mean   
 from their stripes; and afterwards to have that Ais faith would save his household,—   
 been led up (by stairs?) to his honse, and Dut that the same way was open to them   
 itably entertained. The cireumstan- as to him: “Believe, and thou shalt be   
 tiality of aceount shews that some eye- saved: and the same of thy household.’   
 witness related it.— His question connected 33. washed them from their stripes}   
 with the words, “the way of salvation,” of i.e. washed them, so that they were pu-   
 the demoniac in ver. 17, makes it necessary rified from the blood oceasioned by their   
 to infer, as De Wette well observes, that stripes. 34. when he had brought   
 he had previously become acqnainted with them up] Sce note on ver. 30. be-   
 the subject of their He wanted lieving in God] This participle gives the   
 no ineans of eseape from any danger but ground of his rejoicing and the full mean-   
 that which was spiritual: the earthquake ing is, rejoiced that he with all his house   
 was past, and his prisoners were all safe. had been led to believe [in] God.—The ex-   
 Bengel admirably remarks: “ He had not pression believing in God could only be used   
 heard the hymns of Paul, for he had slept, of a converted heathen, not of a Jew: in ch,   
 but notwithstanding, either before or after, x 8, of a Jew, we have “believed [on]   
 he had become informed, who Paul ” the Lord.” 85.) What had influenced   
 Sirs is literally Lords: they wi the magistrates is not recorded. We can   
 not take this title to themselves, but tell hardly suppose that the earthquake alone   
 him of One who was alone worth: would have done so, as they would not have   
 31. Believe on the Lord. . connected it with their prisoners; they   
 without allusion to the name by w may have heard what had taken plaee: but   
 had just addressed them.—Consid: that, again, is hardly probable. I should   
 the person was that asked the question,—a rather set it down to calmer thought, re-   
 heathen in the depths of ignorance and pudiating the tumultuary proceeding of