765 THE ACTS. XVII.   
   
 into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more   
 noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the   
 ilsa.xxxiv.18. with all readiness of mind, 8 and ‘searched the scrip-   
 Luke x!   
 John v.39, tures daily, whether } ¢dose things were so. 22 Therefore   
 many of them believed; also of honourable women which   
   
 were Greeks, and of men not a few. 13 But when the   
 Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God   
 was preached of Paul iat Berea, ¥ they came thither also,   
   
 & Matt. 23. and stirred up the people. 14k And then immediately the   
 brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but   
 Silas and Timotheus abode there still. .   
 15 And they that conducted Paul bronght him 1 unto   
   
 1h, xviil. Athens: and ' receiving a commandment unto Silas and   
   
 Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they de-   
 parted. 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens,   
 m 2 Pet. 8, mhis spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city   
 wholly given to idolatry.   
 17 Therefore disputed he in the   
 synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons,   
   
 & render, searching. h render, these.   
 i vender, at Beroea also.   
 E render, they came stirring up and troubling the multitude there   
 also.   
 1] ender, as far as.   
   
   
 pean Turkey, containing from 15,000 to appears to have been, as far as we can   
 20,000 souls. 11. more noble|]—of follow it from the slight notices given, as   
 nobler disposition;—stirred up, not to follows :—when Paul departed from Berea,   
 envy, but to enqniry. these things] not having been able to revisit   
 viz. the doctrine of ver. 3, Pan] and as he wished (1 Thess, ii. 18), he sent   
 Silas preached here also. 13. they came Timothens (from Berea, not from Athens)   
 stirring up, &c.] From the distance, some to exhort and confirm the Thessalonians,   
 time mnst have elapsed before this conld and determined to be left at Athens alone   
 take place: and that some time did elapse, (1 Thess. iii, Silas meanwhile remaining   
 we may gather from 1 Thess. ii. 18, to carry on the work at Berea. Paul, on   
 Panl relates that he made several attempts his arrival at Athens, sends (by his con-   
 to revisit the Thessalonians (which could ductors, who returned) this message to   
 be only during his stay at Berwa, as he both, to come to him as soon as possible.   
 left the neighbourhood altogether when he They did so, and found him (ch. x 5)   
 left that town), but was hindered. at Corinth. See Introduction to 1 Thess.,   
 14. to go as it were to the sea] This Vol. ii. Athens] See a long and   
 expression I believe to be used simply interesting description of the then state of   
 to indicate the direction in which the Athens, its buildings, &e., in Conybeare   
 Berean brethren sent him forth: imply- and Howson, chap. x. vol. i. pp. 407 ff   
 ing probably, that all that was known at It was a free city. 16. wholly given   
 Berea of his intended route was, that it to idolatry] The multitude of statues and   
 was in the direction of the sea. Where temples to the gods in Athens is celebrated   
 he embarked for Athens, is not said: pro- with honour by classic writers of other   
 bably at Dium, near the base of Mount nations, and with pride by their own.   
 Olympus, to which two roads from Beroa Xenophon says of Athens, that “ the   
 are marked in the ancient tables. whole city is an altar, the whole city a   
 15.] Who they that conducted Paul were sacrifice and an offering to the gods.”   
 is not said.—The course of \_Timotheus 17. in the market] It was the space before