11—24. THE ACTS.   
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 of that house naked and wounded. 17 And this was known   
 to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and   
 fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus \*te\*}   
 was magnified, 18And many that believed came, and i."°"\*   
 \* confessed, and shewed their deeds. 19 Many of them »™att. iia   
 also which used curious arts brought their books together,   
 and burned them before all men: and they counted the   
 price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.   
 20tSo mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.   
 214 After these things were ended, \* Paul -purposed in   
 the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and teh. vi.7,   
 Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been cr   
 there, YI must also see Rome. ? So he sent into Mace- u Rom. 21:   
 donia two of \*them that ministered unto him, Timotheus xeh. xx,   
 and # Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season. # (uce Rom:   
 23 And >the same time there arose no small stir about pin de 2   
 ithat way. \*\*¥or a certain man named Demetrius, a   
   
   
   
   
   
   
 i render, the: see ch. ix. 2.   
   
   
 occasion: and St. Luke has retained the the legitimate centre of his apostolic   
 word as it stood in the record furnished to working. Or perhaps be speaks under   
 him. Whether any similar occurrence some divine intimation that ultimately he   
 happened to the rest, we are not informed : should be brought to Rome. If so, his   
 this one is selected as notorious. words were literally fulfilled. He did see   
 18.] The natural effect of such an occur- Rome, when he had been at Jerusalem this   
 rence was to induce a horror of magical next time: but after considerable delay,   
 arts, &c., which some were still and as a prisoner. Compare the same   
 to countenanceor practise secretly, design as expressed by him, Rom. i. 15:   
 with a profession of Christianity. Such xy. 28—28; and Paley’s remarks in the   
 persons now came forward and confessed Hore Pauline. 22.) He intended   
 their error. The deeds mentioned in this himself to follow, after Pentecost, 1 Cor.   
 verse were probably the association with xvi.8. This mission of Timothy is alluded   
 such practices: the next verse treats of to 1 Cor. iv. 17 (see also 1 Cor. i. 1); xvi.   
 the magicians themselves. 19. their 10. The object of it was to bring these   
 books] These books consisted of magical churches in Macedonia and Achaia into re-   
 Sormule, or receipt-books, or written amu- membrance of the ways and teaching of   
 lets. These last were celebrated by the Paul. It occurred shortly-before writing   
 name of Ephesian scrolls. They were of 1 Cor. He was (1 Cor. xvi. 11) soon   
 copies of the mystie words engraved on to return:—but considerable uncertainty   
 the image of the Ephesian Artemis (Diana). hangs over this journey. We find him   
 fifty thousand pieces of silver} again with Paul in Macedonia, 2 Cor. i. 1:   
 50,000 drachme, i. e. denarii: for the but apparently he had not reached Co-   
 drachmna of the Augustan and following rinth. See 1 Cor. xvi. as above: and   
 ages was the Roman denarius—about 8}d. 2 Cor. xii, 18, where he would probably   
 of our money: which makes the entire have been mentioned, had he done so.—On   
 value about £1770. 21. these things] the difficult question respecting a journey   
 The occurrences of vv. 19, 20. in of Paul himself to Corinth during this   
 the spirit] An expression mostly used by period, sce notes, 2 Cor. xii. xiii. 1,—   
 St. Paul, see Rom. i. 9; viii. xii. 11: and Introduction tol Cor.§5. Erastus   
 1 Cor. ii. 4; v. 3, 4; xiv. 14, and other This Erastus can hardly be identical with   
 places. I must also see Rome] As he the Erastus of Rom. xvi. 23, who must   
 was sent to the Gentiles, he saw that the have been resident at Corinth: sce there :   
 great metropolis of the Gentile world was and therefore hardly cither the Erastus