

But even granting, for the sake of the argument, Pengilly's gratuitous assumption, that no others were converted at Philippi, the 49th verse can be readily explained without resorting to conjecture. It can easily be shown from the chapter itself, that there were at least two other brethren in company with Paul and Silas. In the 3rd v. we are told that Paul would have Timotheus go forth with him. He had previously secured the company of Silas. See ch. xv. 40. And, "they," i. e., Paul, Silas, and Timotheus, "went through the cities," by Mysia to Troas. At the last-named place, a vision appeared to Paul, in consequence of which, "immediately," (here the style of the narrative suddenly changes,) "we," I, Luke the writer of this book being added to the company, "endeavoured to go into Macedonia," and "we came with a straight course to Samothracia, the next day to Neapolis, and from thence to Philippi." The plural pronouns, "we" and "us," are used in the rest of the account. When the trouble occurred, Paul and Silas were "caught," their companions escaped, and remained at Lydia's house, where all had been lodging, until the release next day. Here, then, are brethren, to be seen and comforted, without making Lydia a present of a family of grown-up sons, or a housefull of men servants. Timotheus seems to have remained but a short time at Philippi, joining Paul and Silas at Berea shortly after.—(See next chap.) Luke stayed longer. His departure from Philippi is mentioned, Acts xx; 6.

Would not the natural conclusion formed by an unprejudiced reader of this narrative, be simply this, that Lydia had a family of children which was baptized with her when she professed her faith in Christ?

2. I adduce the case of the Jailor and his family, recorded in the same chapter, Acts xvi. 33, 34.

"He, and all his," are said to have been baptized "straightway." It is said, by our opponents, in this as in the preceding instance, "all the jailor's house believed in God." But here also, I ask, where is the proof of it? The expression in 34th v., "he rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" is usually quoted as stating the faith of his family. But a mere glance at the original disproves the assertion.