

Q. From what city did they begin their labours?

A. From Jerusalem.

Q. But where else were they to be witnesses for the Saviour?

A. In Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Q. What did the Apostles and early Christians have to endure?

A. Persecution and suffering.

Q. What did the power of the Church to bear persecution prove?

A. That the Church came from God, and that God, according to His promise; helped those who believed.

Q. Show this more clearly.

A. The world at that time had both power and malice sufficient to crush the Church, had it been merely of man.

Q. When did persecution cease?

A. When the Roman Emperor became a Christian.

Q. Who was the first Christian Emperor of Rome?

A. The Emperor Constantine, A. D., 312.

Q. How was the Church guided aright when its doctrine was misunderstood or corrupted?

A. By the calling of general councils, consisting of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

Q. How many general councils have there been?

A. Six.

Q. Name them.

A. Nice, 1st Constantinople, Ephesus, Chalcedon, 2nd and 3rd Constantinople.

Q. What was the date of the first and last?

A. Nice, A. D. 325; 3, Constantinople, A. D. 680.

Q. Which of them are the most important?

A. The first four, because their authority is acknowledged by every branch of the Church Catholic.

Q. Why should we especially remember the Council of Nice?

A. Because it gave us the Nicene Creed.

Q. You spoke of branches of the Church Catholic; how many are there?

A. Three, the Church of Rome, the Greek Church, and the Anglican or English Church.

Q. Are they all in communion with one another?

A. Unhappily not now, though they once were.

Q. When did the Roman and the Greek Church separate?

A. At the great schism of the East and West, A. D. 1054.

Q. What caused this schism?

A. Disputes concerning the *Filioque*.

Q. What is meant by that?

A. That God the Son proceeds from the Holy Ghost as well as from the Father, which the Greeks denied.

Q. When did the Roman Church separate from the Anglican?

A. Shortly after the Reformation in 1532.

Q. What caused them to do so?

A. The English Church rightly refused to acknowledge the supremacy of the Pope as Universal Pontiff.

Q. Where did the Apostles labour?

A. In almost every country of the then known world.

Q. About what time did Christian missionaries go to Britain?

A. Certainly in the age next after the Apostles; possibly even in their lifetime.