

LESSON IX—February 28th, 1897.

The Disciples' Dispersed. ACTS 8: 1-17.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

1. Where does Paul refer again to this? (Acts 22: 20; 1 Tim. 1: 13). How could the apostles remain in safety at Jerusalem? (Acts 5: 13; Ps. 91: 11; 34: 7).
3. How does Paul himself describe this persecution? (ch. 22: 4; 26: 10, 11; 1 Tim. 1: 13).
5. Had Jesus spoken of Samaria as a hopeful field for missionary work? (John 4: 35, 42).
6. The chief opposition always came from Jewish bigots (Acts 13: 44, 45).
7. Note the following points regarding demoniacal possession. 1. Christ refers it to satan (Luke 10: 17-19; 11: 14-22). 2. It is distinguished from disease (Mark 1: 32; Matt. 4: 24). 3. It was usually accompanied by bodily infirmity (Matt. 9: 32; 12: 22; Mark 9: 17-27; 5: 1-5). 4. It differs from satan's influence on the soul through temptation.
9. Another sorcerer mentioned Acts 13: 6, 7.
10. How many angels are named in the Bible (Gabriel, Dan. 8: 15-18; 9: 21-23; Luke 1: 11-19; 1: 26-29. Michael, Dan. 10: 13, 21; 12: 1; Jude 9; Zech. 3: 2; Rev. 12: 7).
14. Who were the Samaritans and how did they come to be half Jews? (2 Kings 17: 24-29). Contrast John's errand now and his words long before (Luke 9: 54). Why had the apostles been forbidden at one time to go to Samaria? (Matt. 10: 5).
16. Where do we again find disciples who had not received the Holy Ghost? (Acts 19: 2).
17. Was the Holy Spirit, in this sense, *i. e.* endowing with visible gifts of a miraculous character, ever bestowed except through the laying on of the hands of the apostles? (ch. 9: 17; 10: 44).

LESSON X—March 7th, 1897.

The Ethiopian Convert. ACTS 8: 26-40.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

26. What other mention of Gaza in the Bible? (Judges 16: 1-3, 21-30).
27. Did Christ meet with any believing gentiles? (John 12: 20; Luke 7: 5). Mention another Eunuch who was kind to some of God's people. (Dan. 1: 9).
31. Who is the best Teacher of the meaning of Scripture? (John 16: 13). What early christians did the Eunuch resemble? (Acts 17: 10, 11).
32. Note our Lord's silence when on his trial. (Matt. 26: 62, 63; 27: 12, 14; Luke 22: 61; 23: 9; John 19: 9). In what other respects did Christ resemble a lamb? (John 1: 20; 1 Pet. 1: 10; Rev. 5: 6; 1 Cor. 5: 7).
33. Instances in which "generation" means "contemporaries," Ps. 14: 5; 112: 2; Prov. 30: 11-14.
35. A synopsis of such a sermon as Philip's is found in 1 Pet. 2: 21-24.
37. Profession of faith in Christ is required, before baptism, of all grown persons who were not baptised in infancy. (Acts 2: 41; 8: 12; 16: 31, &c.) Children were baptized on their parents' profession of faith. (Acts 16: 15, 32, 33; 18: 8; 1 Cor. 1: 16; Acts 11: 14; 1 Cor. 7: 14). Other confessions of Christ, Matt. 16: 16; John 6: 69; 9: 35, 38. He is the Son of God. (Acts 9: 20; Matt. 16: 16; John 11: 27; 1 John 4: 15; 5: 13).