



SCENE OF EARLY APOSTOLIC LABORS

"Went Everywhere Preaching the Word."

SOME good people, who ought to know better, have the idea that the apostles' ministry was confined to the little land of Judea. Before the day of Pentecost there were Jewish converts scattered throughout the great Roman Empire from the Persian Gulf to the city of Rome itself. Our map shows the wide region from which many of these Jewish converts came who thronged the temple and city of Jerusalem upon that memorable day.

After the persecution which followed the death of Stephen we read, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word," certainly into all the regions from which the converts of Pentecost came, and to which they returned. The Scriptures do not give us details of all their work, though they do describe in part the journeyings of St. Paul and St. Peter and refer to that of other apostles. But the early history of the church, the writings of Origen, Tertullian, Eusebius, Zozomen, and other early writers record their apostolic journeyings. Origen, who lived in the second century, states that St. Andrew went to the regions of

Scythia, far beyond the limits of our map. St. Thomas is described as preaching the Gospel in India, St. Mark in Alexandria, St. John, after his imprisonment in Patmos, died at Ephesus, and others of the apostles preached in various parts of the then known world. Thus the persecution that was designed to destroy the early church and stamp out Christianity, but spread it more widely through the world.

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This number contains nearly half a score of illustrated articles. One of the most striking of these is that on "The Beggars of Paris," by Louis Paulian, member of the French Chamber of Deputies, who has made a special study of the class, sometimes wearing its garb. "Through Fire and Water in China" is a vivid account of the Boxer rebellion, by Mrs. Bryson, of the London Missionary Society. Chancellor Burwash presents a touching tribute to the memory of one of Canada's noblest physicians, the late Dr. Sweetnam. James L. Hughes, one of the best educational authorities on the continent, has an illustrated article on "The Triumph of the