

**Time.**—Probably in the summer of A. D.  
**37. Places.**—1. Jerusalem. 2. A city of Samaria.

### Home Readings.

- M.* The Disciples Scattered. Acts 8. 3-17.  
*Tu.* Preaching the Gospel. Acts 8. 18-25.  
*W.* Christ's visit to Samaria. John 4. 31-42.  
*Th.* Revelation by the Spirit. 1 Cor. 2. 9-16.  
*F.* Words of comfort. Matt. 10. 23-33.  
*S.* The joyful sound. Psal. 89. 7-16.  
*S.* Good tidings. Isa. 52. 7-15.

### Lesson Hymns.

*New Canadian Hymnal*, No. 440.

There is an Eye that never sleeps  
 Beneath the wing of night.

*New Canadian Hymnal*, No. 439.

Take time to be holy,  
 Speak oft with thy Lord.

*New Canadian Hymnal*, No. 438.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
 Safe on his gentle breast.

### Questions for Senior Scholars.

#### 1. Continued Persecution and Growth of the Church.

Who figured prominently among the persecutors of the Church?

How did he show his zeal?

What was the immediate effect of this persecution upon the Church?

To what people did Philip go?

What duty did he perform in the Church?

How did the people receive him and his preaching?

What evidence did Philip give of the truth of his message?

What was the effect of the revival in that city?

From whom had some of the Samaritans heard of Jesus before?

#### 2. Revival in Samaria.

What was Simon's occupation?

What was his influence over the people?

What effect had Philip's preaching on the people?

What interest was taken in this work by the Church at Jerusalem?

For what did Peter and John pray?

What power did they want the Church to have?

Did the apostles profess to give the Holy Ghost by the laying on of their hands?

### Questions for Intermediate Scholars.

#### 1. The Scattered Fire (verses 3, 4).

Who continued furiously to persecute the disciples?

What had he to do with Stephen's death?

What shows how bitterly he hated all Christians?

What did the scattered Christians everywhere do?

Did persecution therefore really hurt the cause of Christ?

#### 2. Blazing Out in Samaria (verses 5-8).

What two Philips were there?

Which of them now went to Samaria?

What facts show his success?

What miracles were wrought?

Was there any opposition openly made in Samaria?

#### 3. Reaching a Very Wicked Man (verses 9-13).

Is it easy to reach grown-up men and win them to Christ?

What had hardened Simon?

How does it show the power of the great revival in Samaria?

Was Simon really in earnest?

### Questions for Younger Scholars.

What is a martyr? *One who suffers death for his faith.*

Who was the first martyr of the young Church? *Stephen.*

Did his death soften the hearts of the Jews? *No, they became more and more cruel.*

Who was Saul? *A young persecutor.*

What did he think was right? *To make Christians suffer.*

By what name was he known afterward? *Paul.*

Where did many Christians go to escape him? *To other parts of Palestine.*

Where did Philip go? *To Samaria.*

What did he do there? *He preached and worked miracles.*

What followed? *Many believed.*

What was the name of one of the believers? *Simon.*

What was he? *A sorcerer.*

What is a sorcerer? *One who deceives by tricks.*

Who went to visit these new Christians? *Peter and John.*

What great gift did the Samaritan Christians receive? *The gift of the Holy Spirit.*

### The Lesson Catechism.

(For the entire school.)

1. What did Saul do? *He made havoc of the Church.*