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What do you mean by being confirmed?—Going before the bishop to have his hands laid upon me.

For what purpose will the bishop lay his hands upon you?—To assure me of God's favour.*

And what do you say you would be required to do then?

To confirm the promises made for me at my baptism.

Why are you bound to confirm them?—Because if I refuse to do it, I give up my title to salvation. Matt. x. 32, 33; Rom. x. 10.

Repeat again the first thing they promised for you?-- "That I should renounce the devil," &c.

The things you have to renounce, then, are divided into three heads?—Yes.

What is the first?—"The devil and his works."

What is the second?—"The pomps and vanity of this wicked world."

What is the third?—"All the sinful lusts of the flesh."

What do you mean by renouncing a thing?—Having nothing more to do with it.

What is the first thing you must renounce?

What is the devil?—The prince of the wicked spirits. Matt. xii. 24; xxv. 41; Jude 8, 9.

Was the devil always wicked?

What was the devil before he became wicked?—A good angel. 2 Pet. ii. 4; Jude 6.

Where was the devil when he was a good angel?—In heaven. Rev xii. 7, 8.

How came he to be cast out of heaven?—Because he rebelled against God. 2 Pet. ii. 4.

Where is his dwelling now?—In hell. 2 Pet. ii. 4.

Does he always stay there?—No; he wanders up and down the world. 1 Pet. v. 8.

[•] See the Collect after the Lord's prayer in the Confirmation Service.