

QUESTIONS.

Question. What is Confirmation?

Answer. A holy rite of the Christian Church.

Q. Has Confirmation any other name?

A. Yes; it is called the laying on of hands.

Q. Is Confirmation of recent origin?

A. No; it is of the greatest antiquity.

Q. What is the origin of Confirmation?

A. It is believed that this rite was amongst "the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" (that is, the visible Church), concerning which Christ "gave commandments to the Apostles whom He had chosen" (Acts i, 2, 3); for it has been practised in the Church from the very first.

Q. Has Confirmation ever ceased in the Church since the times of the Apostles?

A. No; but those who profess Christianity, and have lost the Apostolic ministry, have likewise lost "the laying on of hands," for Confirmation.

Q. Is there an outward sign in Confirmation?

A. Yes; the laying on of the Bishop's hands.

Q. Should we expect an outward sign in a Christian rite?

A. Yes; as the body is from God, as well as the soul and spirit, and as God's Word read and