
Catechisms.

*The Catechism of the Church of
England.*

Question. WHAT is your
name ?

Answer. N. or M.

Q. Who gave you this name ?

A. My Godfathers and God-
mothers in my baptism :

*Extracts from the Confession of
Faith, the Larger, and Shorter
Catechisms, of Public Authority
in the Church of Scotland.*

Infants who are baptized have
Godfathers and Godmothers in
the Church of Scotland as well
as in the English Church, which
is manifest from the following
considerations.

The godfathers and godmothers, or sponsors as they are frequently called, are the persons who bring the infant to be baptized, who give the name, and promise for the infant. Whoever perform these duties are real sponsors.

In the Church of England the persons who perform them are generally others than the parents, but the parents, in fact, frequently perform them.

In the Church of Scotland, the parents, or other friends, perform the office, and consequently are the godfathers and godmothers.

That the office performed by them in the Church of Scotland is precisely the same with that which is performed by the godfathers and godmothers in the English Church is evident.

1. They give the infant its name, in baptism. This though not particularly enjoined is the known practice.

2. They promise and vow certain things in the infant's name, which he is bound to observe.