

He was a very learned man, especially in the Scriptures, and is mentioned under the name of Hierome in the 6th Article of the Church.

13. What is his testimony ?

In writing against some of the false teachers of his day he says, "Do you not know that it is still the custom of the Church, that, after persons have been baptized, hands should be laid on them and so the Holy Ghost is called down upon them ? Do you inquire where it is written ? In the Acts of the Apostles. But if there were no authority of Scripture for it ; yet the consent of the whole world on this point is instead of a command.

14. What do you observe on this passage ?

(1.) That Jerome is evidently referring to the passage in Acts viii. 14-17.

(2.) That he declares that the confirmation which prevailed in the Church, is the same as that which was practised by St. Peter and St. John.

(3.) That he shows that it was performed by laying on of hands, and for the purpose of calling down the Holy Ghost.

(4.) That was the practice of the whole Christian world.

15. Who was Chrysostom ?

He was an eminent archbishop, who composed the prayer which we use before the end of the Litany and of Evening Prayer.

15. What does he testify on the subject ?

In commenting on Heb. vi. 1, he says :