

Q. 9. Was the Roman Catholic Church the first Church in this country?

A. No. The Church of Britain was in existence from the immediate time of the Apostles and followers of Jesus Christ.

Q. 10. Is the Pope head of the Church?

A. No.

Q. 11. Was Peter head Apostle?

A. No; all the Apostles were equal.

Matthew xxiii. 10, 11. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. (11) But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Acts xv. 7, 13, 19. Note that at the Council of Jerusalem referred to in these verses Peter took part in the conversations, but the Apostle James presided and pronounced the Council's decision; (13) And after they had held their peace James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: . . . (19) Wherefore my sentence is, that—etc.

2 Corinthians xi. 28. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. (Thus Paul, not Peter, had care of all the churches.)

Q. 12. Did Christ say that Peter was the rock on which the Church was to be built?

A. No. He said to Peter that He, Christ, was the rock, representing the Church.

Matthew xvi. 15-19. He (Christ) saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: . . .

Q. 13. Explain this text.

A. Jesus did not say to Peter, Upon thee I will build My Church, but "Upon this rock"; the word "this" pointing to Himself, Whom Peter had confessed when he said "Thou art the Christ."

Matthew xviii. 17. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken