

A CATECHISM

ON THE

Church of the Holy Scriptures.

CHAPTER I.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH.

Q. What is the original meaning of the word Church?

A. A lawful assembly.

Q. To what was it applied among the Greeks?

A. A civil assembly, lawfully convened.

Q. What is the root from which it is derived?

A. *Kaleo* to call.

Q. How is the verb compounded?

A. By the preposition *ek*, and the verb *Kaleo*.

Q. What other word is of kindred origin with this?

A. *Eklektoi* or, the chosen.

Q. How is this derived?

A. From the verb *Lego*, to say, or to choose.

Q. How is the verb compounded.

A. By the preposition *ek*, and the verb *Lego*.

Q. What is the general application of *Eklektoi* or the called?

A. A *personal* one, describing a separation to certain civil privileges.

Q. What is the general application of *Ekklesia*, or the gathering?

A. A *collective* one, referring to an *assembly* of those who are so called and privileged.

Q. How are the words used in the New Testament?

A. In a religious sense: the word *Eklektoi*, or the chosen as describing the persons chosen of God; the