

ings that of the early Church, "let ancient things prevail," and that of Saint Augustine, *credo quia impossibile*. Nature did not form him to be an unbeliever; unbelief is alien to his mind and contrary to his feelings.

A MARTYR TO DUTY.

How a Scotch Priest Surrendered His Life.

A noble instance of self-sacrifice is reported from the far north of Scotland in the details of the death of the Rev. Geo. Rigg, Catholic priest of the parish of Dalibrog, in South Uist, one of the Outer Hebrides. The family of one of his parishioners, a Hebridean cotter, consisting of the man, his wife and child, were all attacked by typhus fever. The neighbours were loth to approach the cottage in which the stricken family lay ill, and, for weeks, with the exception of the doctor, who paid his daily visit, the priest, unassisted, nursed the sick household. As a result, he contracted the fever in its worst form, and died a few days ago in the presence of his sister and the priest in charge of the South Uist parish, who had both nursed him devotedly. Father Rigg was the nephew of the late Right Rev. George Rigg, D D., Bishop of Dunkeld, and was a man of singular refinement and culture. To him his self-imposed duty must have proved extraordinarily repulsive, and he may freely be considered to have died a martyr to charity.—*Irish Exchange*.

A PROVIDENTIAL CONVERSION.

How Father Whitney, S. J., Became a Catholic and a Priest.

The annual retreat of the students of Saint Francis Xavier's College, New York city, was conducted this year by Rev. John G. Whitney, S. J., of New Orleans, the mention of whose name brings with it the memory of the