

QUESTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

CONCERNING

Catholic Doctrine and Practices.

CHAPTER I.

QUESTION. Why do Catholics believe in what they do not understand?

ANSWER. Because God requires of them to do so. Faith is a supernatural gift, or light from God, by which we believe most firmly all that He has revealed, though above our comprehension. Faith is to believe that which we cannot understand, relying on the authority of God who reveals. "Now, faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not" (Heb. xi. 1). We are finite beings; our memory, will, and judgment faulty, God requires a submission of our judgment as an homage to his infinite wisdom and majesty. "Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed" (John, xx. 29). St. Augustine, one day walking by the sea-shore, saw a little child making a hole with its tiny hand in the sand. The saint asked him what he was doing. The child answered, "that he was about to put all the water in the ocean in that space." "Impossible," said the saint. "It is just as impos-