

of all days. But, we must know this, and when we know it, we must act. Many never know it, and of those who know it, many never commence to act ; of those who commence many do not continue or else continue so feebly that their search for happiness serves merely to weary and disgust them still more with their false happiness, that is, with their real unhappiness.

VEUILLO !

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA.

PATRONESS OF THE ADORERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

" In the Blood
you find the fire."
St. Cath of Siena.

With the exception of Joan of Arc, the most wonderful heroine in any age, never has a woman received a mission more extraordinary than that of Catherine Benincasa daughter of a dyer of Siena. Her miraculous life is a matter of history ; and, standing out from the shadows that threw their gloom over the XIV century, we behold her virginal image luminous and resplendent.

In those days, which were amongst the darkest and most stormy the Church has passed, Catherine was a messenger from heaven, an ardent advocate of ecclesiastical reform ; just at that very time when, according to her own energetic expression, " all was corrupt, and where to find repose was only found in Jesus Crucified," she became the firm defender, the inspired guide of the Papacy.

It is an astonishing fact, unique in history, that Gregory XI and Urban VI conducted her into the midst of the Consistory where she was commanded to address the Cardinals. This task she performed with celestial eloquence, denouncing abuses, deploring scandals, and censuring the luxury which was being practised under their eyes.

Never did man speak like this, said the Cardinals. It is not a woman, but the Holy Spirit who is speaking. . . Continually she exhorted the Princes of the Church to do God's work, fearing nothing. She was specially strong