

LIFE
OF
MOTHER MARIE HERMINE
OF JESUS

CHAPTER I

The Formation of the Missionary.

Brittany, that land of brave deeds and stirring story, bears upon its device an ermine and the motto "*Plutôt mourir que se souiller,*" (Death rather than a stain.) It would seem by providential design that the name of the future Superior and martyr of Taiuenfoo should have been Marie Hermine. Never was name better chosen, for even exteriorly she had about her something of the delicacy and whiteness of the ermine so dear to Breton hearts.