THE Venerable Martyrs of Uganda

Our Missions' friends will all read with a real joy the Decree relating to the case of Beatification of our Martyrs of Uganda, who shed their blood during the persecution from 1885 to 1887.

The decree gives these twenty-two Martyrs' names, together with very brief particulars on their death.

Following will be found some explanations that will be a great help to realize the importance of this decree. Canonization, supreme honor of the Church to her children, is preceded by beatification. Through canonization, God's servants are ranked among the Saints. Beatification declares them Blessed.

Before undertaking the proceedings of Beatification, the Holy See, after a long inquiry, directed by the Sacred Congregation of Rites, publishes a first decree called Decree of Introduction of the Cause, or decree of Venerability. As soon as Our Holy Father has signed this first decree, the Servant of God, named therein, is called Venerable.

With regard to our martyrs of Uganda, Our Holy Father the Pope has signed this decree of Venerability on the 14th of August last. Those declared Venerable cannot receive PUBLIC worship, but they may be invoked privately.

Invoke then, dear readers, these venerable martyrs of Uganda, and beg of God that through their intercession He may vouchsafe to convert those millions of Negroes