## INTRODUCTION

"They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb!"

In this day and generation when socialism and the so-called "New Thought" disturb all circles, and even school children are inclined to class the legends of the saints with the fairy tales of Blue Beard or Cinderclla, it is difficult to realize that the days of St. Agnes and St. Cecelia are not past, and that God has allowed in our midst the effusion of blood for the faith.

To the Institute of Franciscan Missionaries of Mary fell, in the summer of 1900, the signal privilege of yielding in the Chinese massacres, seven martyrs, with courage as invincible as that of the virgins in the holocausts of the primitive Church.