

SEC. 14. That hereafter no State court or court of the United States shall admit Chinese to citizenship; and all laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. That the words "Chinese laborers," wherever used in this act, shall be construed to mean both skilled and unskilled laborers and Chinese employed in mining.

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## 9.8 CHINESE ANTI-FOREIGNISM, 1892

In the last decades of the nineteenth century, as Western missionaries spread throughout China, anti-foreign activity in China became an source of tension between the Qing government and the foreign powers. As this document, a pamphlet circulated in Canton in the early 1890s, suggests, the activities of foreign missionaries were often interpreted in a strikingly polemical and unfounded way by activists eager to diminish the influence of foreign churches and remove Westerners from their communities. The clashes that resulted from such agitation resulted in a new cycle of unequal treaties and compensatory agreements forced upon Peking by Western states outraged by the treatment of their nationals.

The Roman Catholic religion had its origin from Jesus, and is practiced by all the Western countries, and taught by them to others; it exhorts men to virtue. The founder was nailed by wicked men on a cross, and cut to death. His disciples then scattered about the world to disseminate the doctrine. The Principal is called the Fa Wang Fu [the Kingly Father of the Doctrine]. Sexual congress without shame is called "a public meeting," or "a benevolent society." When they marry they use no go-between, and make no distinctions between old and young. Any man and woman who like may come together, only must first do obeisance to the bishop, and pray to Shangdi [God]. The bride must invariably first sleep with the spiritual teacher, who takes the first fruits of her virginity. . . . Two wives may not be taken, they say, because Shangdi created one man and one woman at first. In these countries therefore concubinage is not practiced, but no unchastity in other directions is forbidden. When a wife lies another may be had. When a father dies, his son may marry the mother who bore him. When a son dies, his father may marry the son's wife, and even his own daughter. Brothers, uncles, and nieces may intermarry promiscuously. Brothers and sisters of same parents also marry together.

Zhang Shoucai was a boat-tracker on the Hun river. A man named Liu informed him that by kidnapping little children and scooping out their hearts and eyes he could earn fifty taels a set.

A foreign devil at Canton went dropping poison down the wells at night.

Every one fell ill of a strange disease, which could only be cured by foreign doctors. Untold numbers died. At last the Prefect found it out, arrested over thirty people, and put them all to death.

When these [foreign] devils open a chapel, they begin with their female converts by administering a pill. When they have swallowed it, they are beguiled, and allow themselves to be defiled. Then after the priest has outraged them, he recites an incantation. The *placenta* then is easily drawn out, and is chopped up to make an ingredient for their hocussing drugs.

At Tientsin they used constantly to beguile and entice away young children in order to scoop out their eyes and hearts. When the people discovered it, they tore down their tall foreign houses, and found heaped up inside bodies of kidnapped children, boys and girls.

All these facts should make us careful not to incur similar dangers. We should unite hands and hearts to keep out the evil before it is upon us.

His Excellency the Commander-in-chief for the Canton province.