

parishes, but that is a necessity of the times, having, indeed, its inconveniences, but also many advantages. Restricted to proper limits and directed by grave and competent superiors, it gives the young Friars, especially, a wonderful opportunity for completing and perfecting their religious characters. Constant contact with the faithful furnishes them with an experience which much reading and study could never give.

Scarcely forty years in existence, the young Canadian Province is still in the age of "fervent desires." What has Providence in store for it? Will it be accorded that glory which so many other Provinces have achieved during the last seven centuries—furnishing many saintly and learned Dominicans from the "many mansions" of the religious life? The accomplishments of the Dominican Fathers in Canada in their short term of existence surely gives reason for the thought and ardent desire that God will bestow upon them those particular favors.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS

Ring, Christmas bells!
 Your music tells
 Of the song the angels sung
 In jubilant swells
 Of Him who dwells
 Still our little welcome Son.
 From dark to light
 All through the night
 To the lone stars you ring:—
 From heaven's height,
 Swathed in white
 Is the longed-for Infant King.
 Cease not your song
 The whole day long:
 The song your singing tells,
 Is war's surcease,
 To nations peace—
 Ring on, ring on, sweet Christmas bells!

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