

tributed in a marvelous degree towards bettering conditions among the natives.

The limited space which a magazine publication offers us is entirely inadequate for the proper treatment of a subject which might well fill volumes. Although we have mentioned some works of the Order, nevertheless there are many more which have to be passed over in silence. For example, we have said nothing about the large number of the Friars who are laboring in the mission fields of Europe and America, men whose labors so often carried on in a quiet unpretentious manner will never be fully appreciated; for although it is true that Dominicans like a Pere Janvier hold spell bound by their eloquence the learned audiences of Notre Dame in Paris, it is equally certain that many of the brethren are occupying the humble pulpits of poor country churches, perhaps far out on the prairie lands of North America.

Secondly, we have made no mention of the Fathers of the English Province, whose prolific pens have been the means of spreading far and wide a wealth of sound Catholic literature, and who are even engaged at the present time on the English translation of that greatest of theological works, the *Summa* of Saint Thomas.

Finally, it is a significant fact, and one which argues very strongly for the present thesis that out of nearly five thousand Dominican religious a large number have been taken from their cloisters in order that their talents may be employed in the episcopacy. These men, without exception, have ever proved true to the trust imposed upon them and have clearly displayed to the world that the simple Dominican Friar can, when duty requires it, take up the arduous work of a pastor of the flock of Christ.

Considering these facts we believe our readers will agree with us in saying that the Order of Preachers on this its seven hundredth anniversary has not outlived its days of usefulness, but on the contrary has gained new vigor with the years; so that the three-branched tree planted so long ago by the saintly Apostle of the Albigenses is even yet disseminating its fruit over the entire field of the Catholic Church. Again we say with Lacordaire, "oaks and monks are immortal."

—**Brother Humbert, O. P.**

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## THE ROSARY OF THE YEARS

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Three score and ten the decades of the years,  
Thy children after thee, their chaplets well do weave,  
Unbroken chain retracing to that hour,  
When from Her hands such treasure did receive.

Mary's Rosary—how like thy offspring's life,  
Begun in joys, through sorrow's heavy hours;  
To pass as Christ's, and Mary's and thy strife  
To promised glories that this day are ours.

—**Brother Sadoc, O. P.**