

greater than its cause, so no undertaking begun in pride, obstinacy and violence can hope to succeed, to claim the whole-hearted esteem and the unanimous approval of mankind. History has taught us this lesson, and our Divine Saviour corroborated and strengthened it when He said: "Every plant which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."¹¹ And again we hear the clear and solemn voice of Divine Wisdom, sounding its clarion notes down through the misty vista of the past, and we pause in our haste to listen: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."¹²

—Benedict M. Allen, O. P.

¹¹ St. Matthew, 15, 13.

¹² Psalm 126, 1.

ROSA MYSTICA

After the Latin.

To-day, ere dawn has flecked the sky,
Till evening's rosy sunset glows,
All nations praise in psalmody
The glories of our beauteous Rose.

This bud of Christ, as yet a child,
By grace divine was soft bedewed;
His was her heart, all undefiled,
And with His trysted love imbued. . . .

With Christ, the dying Lord of all,
On Calvary's gloomy height she mourns:
She shares His stripes and bitter gall,
And on her brow the piercing thorns.

No longer grieving for her Love,
Joy now o'erflows her faithful heart!
Eternal anthems, hymned above,
And pure delight her blessed part!

O may the sacred Trinity
Be rendered grateful, joyous praise:
Meet honor to that Mystery
Throughout eternal length of days!
—Chrysostom Kearns, O. P.