

activity and to meet the demands of the awakening Chinese people. There is among the new generation in China an insatiable craving for knowledge. They eagerly seek to acquire that enlightened civilization that has brought prosperity to other nations. For this reason the Holy Rosary Province has erected a college in Foochow for the education of pagan children and for the formation of future catechists and schoolteachers. St. Dominic's College, although the youngest in the city, has already won the leading place over the fourteen colleges conducted by the Government and by Protestants. This palm of leadership was ascribed to it by the governor of the city and by the people in various public celebrations.

The actual mission-field cultivated by the Dominicans embraces the whole Province of Fokien, a territory of 46,332 square miles with 24,000,000 population (Louisiana has 48,506 square miles and only 1,656,000 inhabitants). The Catholics of Fokien, including those of the Island of Formosa, number about 60,000 and the catechumens 20,000. The Dominican missionaries are seventy in number; thirty Sisters of the same Order are in charge of the Holy Childhood Orphanages, wherein some 6,000 girl babies are received every year.

The field is large and the harvest is ripe, but the workers are few. The missionaries are longing for the day when other laborers and brethren will come to help them in gathering in a rich harvest of souls. May the Lord hasten the day when the Province of Saint Joseph will join with that of Holy Rosary to add new splendor to the Dominican glories in China!

—Bro. John Labrador, O. P.

## MEERESTILLE

(After the German)

Deep calm rules on the ocean,  
Smooth is the surface around;  
Still lies the sea without motion,  
Hushed in a silence profound.

Swept by no breeze is the ocean,  
Death-like the stillness falls;  
Fraught is the sea by no motion,  
Nature the quiet enthalls!

—Bro. John Chrysostom Kearns, O. P.