

to the four quarters of the earth literally fulfilling the words of the divine commission "to teach all nations." To-day it administers the affairs of over 60,000 missionaries, composed of 15,000 priests, 40,000 Sisters besides native priests and brothers scattered throughout the world wide mission field. This record is surely a certain proof of the Catholicity of the Church. Well, then may the third centennial of the institution of the Congregation of the Propaganda of the Faith be an occasion of great joy to holy mother the Church. To the Dominicans of St. Joseph's Province who have but recently taken over a foreign field of missionary endeavor in the heart of China, the celebration of the tercentary will be the occasion of renewing their pledges of whole-hearted support to the great work of the propagation of the faith—a work ever dear to the hearts of the sons of St. Dominic.

—Bro. Bertrand Johannsen, O. P. .

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### **TODAY I SAW A TREE IN BLOOM**

Today I saw a tree in bloom,  
And sweet within the fragrant flowers,  
Gay bees of gold sang a soft tune  
To while away the honied hours.

But then I thought, how on the morn,  
When I should come again that way,  
The lovely blossoms would be shorn,  
And gone the bees with their glad lay!

So too, so too, in tears I sing,  
Life quickly yields her fleeting breath,  
And golden hours with subtle wing,  
Steal swift away to silent death!

—Bro. Gregory Herold, O. P.