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E honor on this occasion* one worthy to be by his sanctity and learning the model of saints and scholars. To bound the genius of such a man by the limits of time and space is vain, impossible; "His fame is eternity and his residence, creation". Fortunately, St. Thomas was born amid circumstances and developed by influences which made

him Christianity's greatest defender and its most brilliant ornament. The tower of strength he has been for all that was best, the benefits his work has concerned by mankind are incalculable. One of the enemies of Holy Mother Church, consequently his foe, said: *Tolle Thomam et Feelesiam Romanam subverterem*; "Destroy Thomas and I would wipe out the Roman Church." But he forgot that she is cherished and: nourished by Christ; that man's power cannot prevail against her divine foundations. Still it shows in what respect and fear her most intellectual son is held by those who would desiroy her.

*Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas March 7th.