

So, I repeat that I want to go slowly but surely, without excitement and without the ostentation of having a big Congregation. But, moreover, I am frightened when I think of the qualities needed to make a good missionary here. Believe me that they are very few and that one must be extremely careful not to have terrible disappointments.

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Théophile Verbist to Jaak Bax