

and eloquence of St. Paul breathe through his sermons. Thank God, the virtues of those noble founders still characterize the missionary priests of St. Paul. May those virtues never fail to characterize all our missionaries ! To those virtues we owe the flourishing state of the Church in America. Let us pray that they may never die in the minds and hearts of our priests and people. Great Apostle of the Gentiles, who by the fire of zeal didst burn a path for Christ through the pagan wilderness, who didst prove thy devotion to Him by countless sufferings, and lastly by offering thy neck to the sword of the persecutor, — obtain from Him by thy powerful intercession that true apostles may ever flourish in the American Church to preserve it pure in faith, and make it renowned for learning, zeal and self-sacrifice. May every cleric and layman in our noble land so live, that he may merit to have written on his tombstone the title which St. Paul considered his greatest honor : “ The servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle. ”

NOTE. The sermon was to have been preached in the Paulists' church in New-York, but the preacher was prevented by illness from preaching it.