

first to propagate the faith among us, and are the most faithful observers of its precepts. Zeal, my brethren, will always burn brightest where poverty feeds the flame.

Wherever the spirit of St. Paul, the virtues of St. Paul, are found, there you will find the true missionaries of Christ. Of that spirit we have had in this place illustrious examples. The group of men who founded the Paulist Congregation of Missionary Priests had the spirit of St. Paul. Like him, they were all converts to the faith. Because they had his spirit, they took his name and gave it to this church. The first head of this Congregation was a man who, like St. Paul, was original in his manner of presenting the truth. Father Hecker was constantly building new roads through the dreary waste of routine. He saw that the press was a help in the Apostleship, and he used the press. He made the tract, the magazine and the book as useful as the sermon. Father Hecker imitated St. Paul in his zeal and in his originality ! Father Hewit, was like St. Paul in his learning ; Father Deshon, a gallant soldier, had the courage, the self-sacrifice and the simplicity of St. Paul ; and Father Baker imitated him in his gentleness and eloquence : the mysticism