



THOUGH St. Paul was not ranked as one of the twelve apostles, yet, being called in so miraculous a manner to the ministry, and suffering so much for the sake of Christ, he himself says, he was not behind the chiefest apostles.

St. Paul was born at Tarsus, a Roman free city, three hundred miles from Jerusalem. He was by trade a tent-maker. He was educated in principles of violent opposition to christianity ; he confesses himself one of those who slew Stephen ; and continued his persecutions till his conversion in his journey to Damascus. Having preached much among the Jews, he turned to the Gentiles, and founded a church at Corinth. The life and travels of this illustrious apostle being by far too great for our limits, we refer our young readers to the Acts of the Apostles, and his own Epistles ; and conclude by saying, that having converted thousands, travelled over most parts of Europe and Asia, founding churches and working miracles, he at last suffered martyrdom at a place called Aqua-Salva, three miles from Rome.