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We strongly incline to the opinion, that in regard to ability, as preachers of the Gospel, and adaptation to the exigency of their times, they were excelled by few in the subsequent history of our church in this country. They proclaimed the most important truths of the Gospel with a clearness and energy, and with such Divine power, as to awaken the most apathetic, and produce conviction in the most hardened in guilt; and then they pointed them so clearly to the cross, that there was no mistaking it as the only place of refuge and hope for sinners. They were able controversialists, and could adapt themselves, perfectly, to places and circumstances, aided by natural wit and humour, for which they were more remarkable than their successors, and which, in the rude times in which they lived, was often turned to good account. A Mr. H. preached in the presence of a Presbyterian minister on the text, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die." The gentleman thought that the drift of the discourse was against the doctrine of the infallible perseverance of the saints. Upon being invited by Mr. H. to speak, he arose, and proceeded to remark that grace in the soul is compared to leaven in the meal, and leaven is a new principle independent of the meal. When he had finished his analogical argument, Mr. H. arose, and addressed an old lady who was present, thus: "Mother, can you make leaven