

first faith consists in believing that Christ died for them in particular ; whose first love consists in loving God, because they suppose themselves the objects of his love, and whose assurance of their good estate arises from some immediate testimony, or suggestion, either with or without texts of Scripture, that their sins are forgiven, and that God loves them ; as well as the joys of those who rejoice more in their own supposed distinction above others, in honor, privileges, and high experiences, than in God's excellence and Christ's beauty, and the spiritual pride of those laymen who set themselves up as public teachers, and decry human learning, and a learned ministry. He greatly nauseated everything like noise and ostentation in religion, and the disposition which many possess to publish and proclaim their own experiences ; though he did not condemn, but approved of Christians speaking of their experiences, on some occasions, and to some persons, with modesty, discretion and reserve. He abominated the spirit and practice of the generality of the Separatists in this land. I heard him say, once and again, that he had had much intercourse with this class of people, and was acquainted with many of them in various parts of the country ; and that by this acquaintance he knew that what was chiefly and most generally in repute among them, as the power of godliness, was entirely a different thing from that vital piety recommended in the Scriptures, and had nothing in it of that nature. He never was more full in condemning those things than in his last illness, and after he ceased to have any expectations of life, particularly when he had the greatest and nearest views of approaching eternity, and several times when he thought himself actually dying, and expected in a few minutes to be in the eternal world, as he himself told me.

"As his inward experiences appear to have been of the right kind, and were very remarkable as to their degrees, so were his outward behavior and practice agreeable. In his whole course, he acted as one who had indeed sold all for