

in the forenoon, and died in his chair between meetings.

Mr. David Brainerd was the third son of his parents. They had five sons and four daughters. Their eldest son is Hezekiah Brainerd, Esq. a justice of the peace, and for several years past a representative of the town of Haddam, in the general assembly of Connecticut colony. The second was the Reverend Nehemiah Brainerd, a worthy minister at Eastbury in Connecticut, who died of a Consumption Nov. 10, 1742. The fourth is Mr. John Brainerd, who succeeds his brother David, as missionary to the Indians, and pastor of the same church of christian Indians in New Jersey: and the fifth was Israel, late student at Yale college in New-Haven, who died since his brother David.—Mrs. Dorothy Brainerd having lived several years a widow, died when her son David was about fourteen years of age: so that in his youth he was left both fatherless and motherless. [What account he has given of himself, and his own life, may be seen in what follows.]

**I** WAS, I think, from my youth, something sober, and inclined to melancholy, but do not remember any conviction of sin, worthy of remark, till I was seven or eight years of age; when I grew terrified at the thoughts of death, and was driven to the performance of duties; this religious concern was short-lived. However, I sometimes attended secret prayer; and thus lived at "ease in Zion, though without God in the world," till I was above thirteen years of age. But in the winter 1732, I was something roused by the prevailing of a mortal sickness in Haddam. I was frequent, constant, and something fervent in duties, and took delight in reading, especially Mr. Janeway's *Token for Children*; I was sometimes much melted in duties, and took great delight in the performance of them. The Spirit of God at this time proceeded far with me, I was remarkably dead to the world, and my thoughts were almost wholly employed about my soul's concerns; I may indeed say,

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