

of gaining the best understanding in his power of what Almighty God has seen fit to reveal. To his surprise, instead of being more clearly established in his inherited faith, the doctrines themselves constantly faded away before this thorough examination. Without having read a Unitarian book, he found at length that his opinions had undergone an entire revolution, and it was not till now (and from a general idea that they contained what might have affinities with his present system of thought,) that he sent to the East and procured a collection of Unitarian works. Views thus attained were naturally held with the strongest conviction of their truth. They rested on the careful study of the Scriptures, and his feeling always was that the most convincing of all Unitarian books was the Bible itself. Whatever might be the correctness of his opinions, the way in which they were formed furnished an unmistakable evidence of his reverence for the Scriptures, his Christian regard to truth, and his sense of parental responsibility. When it is remembered that he pursued these persevering studies amidst the engrossments of a business life, and without any encouragement or help from abroad, and with the simple purpose of becoming a proper religious guide to his children, and when it is known that he carried the same spirit of fidelity into all duties, the most common as well as the highest, it will be easily understood how it was that they who had his acquaintance honored him as possessing the highest and rarest moral qualities.

It was characteristic of the man, at once to incorporate his faith into his practice. He never speculated that he might talk, but that he might act. Christian truth he believed to be the most precious of all things to the indi