

great a distance from all affectations, as forgetting the presence of men, and as being in the immediate presence of a great and holy God, as I have scarcely ever known paralleled. His manner of preaching, by what I have often heard of it from good judges, was no less excellent, being clear and instructive, natural, nervous and moving, and very searching and convincing. He nauseated an affected noisiness, and violent boisterousness in the pulpit, and yet much disrelished a flat cold delivery when the subject required affection and earnestness.

"Not only had he excellent talents for the study and the pulpit, but also for conversation. He was of a social disposition; was remarkably free, entertaining, and profitable in his ordinary discourse, and discovered uncommon ability in disputing, in defending truth, and confuting error.

"He excelled in his knowledge of theology, and was truly, for one of his standing, an extraordinary divine, and above all in matters relating to experimental religion. In this, I know that I have the concurring opinion of some who are generally regarded as persons of the best judgment. According to what ability I have to judge of things of this nature, and according to my opportunities, which of late have been very great, I never knew his equal of his age and standing, for clear accurate notions of the nature and essence of true religion, and its distinctness from its various false appearances. This I suppose to be owing to the strength of his understanding; to the great opportunities which he had of observing others, both whites and Indians, and to his own great experience.

"His experiences of the holy influences of God's Spirit, were not only great at his first conversion, but they were so, in a continued course, from that time forward. This appears from a diary which he kept of his daily inward exercises, from the time of his conversion until he was disabled by the failing of his strength, a few days before his death. The change, which he looked upon as his conversion, was not