

Living an isolated life on his farm, remote from usual lines of travel, dependent almost entirely on letters for the sympathy and counsel of his fellow students, separated from libraries containing the results of modern research, and therefore dependent on the traditional knowledge received from Europe, which constituted in fact most of the intellectual capital of the founders of natural history in the United States, Dr. Melsheimer must be considered as a very remarkable instance of one who, with very limited opportunities, has worked honestly, to the extent of his abilities, to develop the powers of usefulness which were given him.

Modest, unpretending, affectionate to his family, devoted to his friends, industrious to the limit of human usefulness, his death, at such an advanced age, can only leave, with those who have enjoyed his acquaintance, a satisfaction that they have known so good a representative of the purer qualities of humanity.—*Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci., Phil.*

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