

He was an excellent botanist; he not only knew the qualities of plants, and for what diseases they were proper, but likewise how these qualities might be altered, by mixing or infusing them with various liquors.

He wrote several hands perfectly well, particularly in the map of the world; all the writing whereof one would imagine to be print, the strokes are so elegant, bold and strong.

But all this knowledge did not for a moment divert his mind from the one thing needful. When asked one day, whether none of these things ever gave him any distraction, he replied: "I find God alike in little things and in great." God being the continual object of his attention, he saw all things only in God. He had also great skill in directing others. He saw spiritual things with the eyes of his soul as clearly as outward things with those of his body, and had an amazing accuracy in distinguishing what was of grace from what was of nature; and that not only with regard to himself, but those also who consulted him in their doubts and difficulties. He fully satisfied all the doubts that were proposed to him; he instructed every one in the manner wherein he should behave in his profession. None were so afflicted, but he comforted them; imprinted on the spirit of all to whom he spake an ardent desire of holiness. His words were all words of fire, and inflamed the heart with the love of God. No one went from him without feeling himself comforted and strengthened.

"If any man offend not in word," saith the apostle James, "the same is a perfect man." We may then pronounce Lopez a perfect man. One who had lived with him in the strictest intimacy for eighteen years, says that he had never heard him speak one single word that could be reprov'd. His conversation was always of things use-