

ministerial associates established what came to be known as the 'Great and Thursday Lecture.' This weekly lecture was in colonial times the chief social and religious event in Boston."

³⁶ Three other ministers of Boston, D^r Chauncy, D^r Samuel Cooper, and D^r Andrew Eliot, had received their doctorates from the University of Edinburgh. The Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton, Jr., had received his from Princeton. Before 1771 Harvard had given the degree of S.T.D. only once; this was in 1692, to Increase Mather. In 1771 Harvard gave it next to Rev. Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge, who had graduated in 1712.

³⁷ See an article by James R. Gilmore ("Edmund Kirke") in the *New England Magazine* for August, 1897, on "Nathaniel Emmons and Mather Byles." D^r Emmons was pastor of the Second Church, Wrentham. In this article the writer gives a pleasant account of the relations between D^r Emmons and D^r Byles, as D^r Emmons himself had described them to him. In the same issue of the *New England Magazine* is a poem of twelve stanzas by Henry Ames Blood, entitled "The Byles Girls" (the two daughters of D^r Byles).

CHAPTER VI

³⁸ D^r Isaac Watts lived between 1674 and 1748, Alexander Pope between 1688 and 1744. Johnson says of Lansdowne: "He had no ambition above the imitation of Waller, of whom he has copied the faults and very little more."

³⁹ So far as we can learn, Pope never wrote D^r Byles more than one letter. We have not seen this letter, but it