

the inventions of man in the worship of God," Pearson on the Creed, Bingham's Antiquities, Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, and the writings of Bull, Barrow, Patrick, South, Whitby, Sherlock, and many others of the Church of England. New light dawned upon their minds, and they found that there had been from the Apostles' time three orders of ministers in Christ's Church, Bishops, Priests and Deacons. When it became known that Cutler, Johnson, and five others doubted the validity of the ordination of the Congregationalists they were summoned to appear before the Trustees, who were overwhelmed with sorrow and consternation. To give them time to return to their allegiance they were allowed until the following October to reconsider their position. In the meantime a conference was held, at which Gov. Saltonstall presided, but the result was only to bring out from Cutler, Johnson, Brown and Whitmore a formal declaration of their belief that the Church of England is a true branch of the Catholic Church, and of their conviction that it was their consequent duty to be admitted into her communion. On the 27th of October, 1722, it was voted to excuse Cutler from the Rectorship, and from that time all Presidents of the College were required to conform to the Savbrook Platform.

We have the authority of Dr. Cutler's contemporaries for saying that he was "a man of profound and general learning in the various branches of knowledge cultivated in his day, particularly in Oriental literature," and that "he presided over the Seminary which he was called to superintend with dignity, usefulness and general approbation." The Rev. Dr. Styles asserted that "he had more knowledge of the Arabic than any other man in New England before him, except President Chauncy, and his disciple the first Mr. Thacher." He was well skilled in logic, metaphysics, moral philosophy, theology and ecclesiastical history. He spoke Latin with fluency. He was a noble orator, and a man of great dignity and commanding presence. His position, reputation and great influence made his renunciation of the views generally held, and his conformity