

the truly godly than I ; but I am determined to choose none but *scholars* : they may deceive me in their godliness, but in their scholarship they cannot."

How could I have postponed to this place dear JOHN FLAVEL ? No one needs to be told how pious, how faithful, how tender, how rich, how full of unction, are his works. In no writer have the highest truths of religion been more remarkably brought down to the lowest capacity ; yet with no sinking of the doctrine, and with a perpetual sparkle and zest, belonging to the most generous liquor. It has always been a wonder to me, how Flavel could maintain such simplicity and naïveté, and such childlike and almost frolicsome grace, amidst the multiform studies which he pursued. I can account for it only by his having been constantly among the people, in actual duty as a pastor. Opening one of his volumes, at random, I find quotations, often in Greek and Latin, and in the order here annexed, from Cicero, Pope Adrian, Plato, Chrysostom, Horace, Ovid, Luther, Bernard, Claudian, Menander, and Petronious. His residence at Dartmouth would afford a multitude of pastoral instances, if this were our present object.

JOSEPH CARYL, the voluminous commentator on Job, was a preacher in London, as far as the intolerance of the times permitted. The same church was served by Dr John Owen, David Clarkson, Dr Chauncy, Dr Watts, and Dr Savage. THOMAS GOODWIN was one of the greater Puritan divines recorded in the University-register at Oxford, as "in scriptis in re theologica quamplurimis orbi notus." Living in days of tribulation, he was more migratory than he could have wished ; but the preaching of the gospel was his great work. At first he sought the praise of learned elegance, but "in the end," says he, "this project of wit and vain-glory was wholly sunk in my heart, and I left all, and have continued in that purpose and practice these threescore years ; and I never was so much as tempted to put into a sermon my own withered flowers that I had gathered, and valued more than diamonds, but have preached what I thought was truly edifying, either for conversion of souls, or bringing them up to eternal life."