

efforts in this branch of literature that have been preserved are of more than ordinary merit and well deserve the attention of the reader.

A memoir of him containing a collection of his sermons and verses was prepared by the Rev. Solomon G. Hitchcock, of Litchfield County, and published at New Haven in 1843, and gives many interesting details of his life and much information concerning his family. The local histories also refer to him at considerable length, and he was highly thought of and greatly respected by those among whom he lived. On April 1, 1762, within a year after his return from England, he married Mary Hervey, the daughter of Joel Hervey, of Sharon, Conn., and a son and daughter were the issue of this marriage.

He was a devout Christian and a zealous and successful minister of the faith to which the service of his life was given, and he gave well-founded expectations of eminence in his calling, and of future influence and power in the Church.

All things appeared united to insure his welfare and prosperity, when he was suddenly stricken down by a disease of the lungs, and after a brief illness expired on the 12th day of May, 1766. His death was deeply felt and sincerely mourned by the numerous flock to which he ministered in the several churches that were in his charge, and was regarded as a severe blow to the influence and strength of the Episcopal communion in the colony. His remains were laid in the burial-ground of New Milford, where his home had been, and a tablet with the following inscription was erected to his memory :

To the memory of the Rev. Thomas Davies, a faithful servant of Jesus