

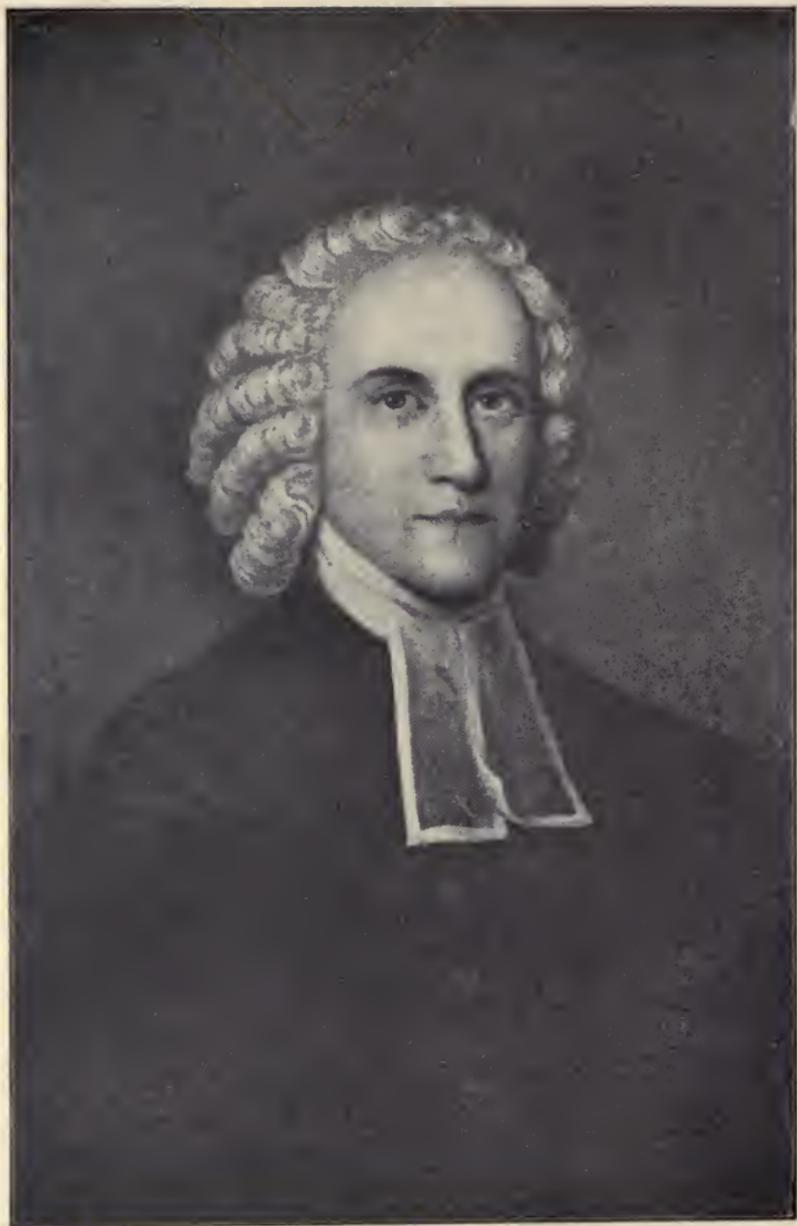
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WE owe scarcely any debt to our generation more obvious, or more important, than to record, for the benefit of coming times, the lives of men eminent for their talents, their intellectual culture, and their pure and elevated virtue. We owe to the dead themselves the duty of commemorating their actions, of cherishing their reputation, and of perpetuating, as far as possible, the benefits which they have conferred upon us. This is especially the case, when their eminence is of such a peculiar character as to present, at every step, an example adapted not to dazzle, but to instruct, to guide, and to animate. It was quaintly said by one of the kings of Aragon, "Dead men are our best instructors." With living men, and passing measures, there is, ordinarily, connected so much prejudice and passion, that we are often

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