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*Extract from a letter from Rev. David Bostwick to
Rev. Joseph Bellamy—Death of Rev. Samuel
Davies, fourth President of the College of New
Jersey.*

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[After having declined the appointment of President of the College of New Jersey, tendered to him on the 16th of August, 1758, Mr. Davies was finally induced to accept it, having been a second time elected, May 9, 1759. He died, however, a little more than eighteen months afterward, February 4, 1761, at the early age of thirty-six. Mr. Bostwick in his letter to Mr. Bellamy, dated at New York, March 37, 1761, says:]

Mr Davies death has struck us with astonishment, and spread a gloom over the whole Country. The loss cannot be expressed. I believe there never was a College happier in its President, or in a more flourishing State. He far exceeded the expectations of his best friends. As you were not personally acquainted, you can hardly conceive what prodigious uncommon gifts the God of Heaven had bestowed upon that man to render him useful to the world. * * * His Sermon on the death of his late Majesty I purpose to Send you with this; the first impression tho' 1000, is gone; a Second is in the press. It was the last work of a public nature he ever did: * * * The people of Philadelphia have Collected £95 per annum for five years, to Support his three sons at College, and Philadelphia and New York have raised between four and five hundred pounds for the widow and two daughters, for he left very little Estate.