

afterwards meeting with losses & becoming reduced to difficult circumstances, he passed thro' a state of discouragement under which he was mostly silent; being, however preserved in the patience, labouring to have every thing removed which obstructed the offering his Gift with acceptance, he was, after some time, thro' gracious Regard, enabled to accomplish that desirable end; and by humble attention and faithful obedience to the openings of Truth, he became powerful in Doctrine, prominent in our Christian discipline, in the promotion of which he was extensively useful, his judgment being sound and penetrating, his conversation edifying and instructive; being also endued with right qualifications to comfort the weak, strengthen the feeble minded, and powerfully warn and reprove the unruly.

Much of his time was dedicated to the promotion of the Cause of Truth, and with the

Unity of Friends he visited most of the Meetings on this Continent and spent several years in religious Labours among Friends and others in different parts of Europe, which, by accounts received, were truly edifying and acceptable.

After his return he gradually declined in health, but was enabled to perform several visits to the neighbouring Meetings when under great weakness of body, thereby manifesting a concern for the promulgation of the Gospel. At length being confined to his Chamber he dropped many solid Remarks, some of which were as follows. — "As I have for many years past been uneasy with the great pains and expense taken by Friends as well as others in making Coffins to inter the dead, which appears to me to be superfluous & extravagant, my desire is that mine may be made of either Pine or Poplar, without ridge or moulding but quite plain."

Sometime afterward he informed that he had kept notes of his Travels for his own satisfaction but had no desire they should be made public, and on looking over them,