

58] and remembering the gracious help he had experienced to discharge what appeared to be required of him, he had been encouraged to press forward, and tho' the remarks he sometimes made might appear to some as too censorious, yet he believed our Society as well as others suffered less by a floating Ministry, that hath a tendency to lead the mind from inward humble waiting upon the pure Gift and many could bear Testimony that it had been his care both by precept and example to promote silent Waiting, having often been much concerned on account of so many words amongst Friends.

In a time of great bodily weakness he expressed a desire that soon after his change Friends in Europe might be informed thereof and his very affectionate Love remembered to them [believing this language to be proper] "In my bonds and afflictions have I begotten you in the Gospel of our Lord thro' Jesus Christ" as many of them could testify that he had been instrumental

thro' mercy in "turning them from dark-ness to Light, and from under the power of Satan to serve the living God." It was, said he, "the Lords doing and marvelous in mine eyes]" adding, "It is remarkable that my mind hath, for several days past been much in Europe, and seemed to pass along to almost all the Meetings I was at, remembering how it was with me at most of them."

At another time several Friends coming into his room he said, "I feel my mind covered with a degree of reverent Thankfulness to the Lord for all his tender mercies to me even from my youth; he has snatched me as a brand from the burning, and has been with me in highth and in depths, and altho' it has pleased him to bring me down as into the Valley of Achor, yet he has opened a door of hope from thence!"

Adding, "I feel the same degree of animating Love for my Friends that ever I did,