

my meditations, as I lay, were on the goodness and mercy of the Lord ; in a sense whereof my heart was contrite : after this, I went to sleep again ; and sleeping a short time, I awoke ; it was yet dark, and no appearance of day nor moonshine ; and as I opened mine eyes, I saw a light in my chamber at the apparent distance of five feet, about nine inches diameter, of a clear easy brightness, and near its center the most radiant : as I lay still without any surprize looking upon it, words were spoken to my inward ear, which filled my whole inward man : they were not the effect of thought, nor any conclusion in relation to the appearance, but as the language of the Holy One spoken in my mind ; the words were, CERTAIN EVIDENCE OF DIVINE TRUTH ; and were again repeated exactly in the same manner ; whereupon the light disappeared.

Feeling the exercise in relation to a visit to the Southern Provinces to increase upon me, I acquainted our monthly-meeting therewith, and obtained their certificate : expecting to go alone, one of my brothers, who lived in Philadelphia, having some business in North-Carolina, proposed going with me part of the way ; but as he had a view of some outward affairs, to accept of him as a companion seemed some difficulty with me, whereupon I had conversation with him at sundry times ; and, at length, feeling easy in my mind, I had conversation with several elderly friends of Philadelphia on the subject ;
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