

larged in heavenly love, and found a near fellowship with the brethren and sisters, in the manifold trials attending their christian progress through this world.

In the seventh month, I found an increasing concern on my mind to visit some active members in our society who had slaves; and having no opportunity of the company of such who were named on the minutes of the yearly-meeting, I went alone to their houses, and, in the fear of the Lord, acquainted them with the exercise I was under: and thus, sometimes, by a few words, I found myself discharged from a heavy burthen.

After this, our friend John Churchman coming into our province with a view to be at some meetings, and to join again in the visit to those who had slaves, I bore him company in the said visit to some active members, and found inward satisfaction.

At our yearly-meeting in the year 1759, we had some weighty seasons; where the power of truth was largely extended, to the strengthening of the honest-minded. As friends read over the epistles, to be sent to the yearly-meetings along this continent, I observed in most of them, both this year and last, it was recommended to friends to labour against buying and keeping slaves; and in some of them closely treated upon. As this practice hath long been a heavy exercise to me, and I have often waded through mortifying labours on that account; and, at times,