

times, in some meetings been almost alone therein. Now observing the increasing concern in our religious society, and seeing how the Lord was raising up and qualifying servants for his work, not only in this respect, but for promoting the cause of truth in general, I was humbly bowed in thankfulness before him. This meeting continued near a week: and, for several days, in the forepart of it, my mind was drawn into a deep inward stillness; and being, at times, covered with the spirit of supplication, my heart was secretly poured out before the Lord: and near the conclusion of the meeting for business way opened, that, in the pure flowings of divine love, I expressed what lay upon me; which, as it then arose in my mind, was “first to shew how deep answers to deep in the hearts of the sincere and upright; though, in their different growths they may not all have attained to the same clearness in some points relating to our testimony: and I was led to mention the integrity and constancy of many martyrs, who gave their lives for the testimony of Jesus; and yet, in some points, held doctrines distinguishable from some which we hold: and that, in all ages where people were faithful to the light and understanding which the Most High afforded them, they found acceptance with him; and that now, though there are different ways of thinking amongst us in some particulars, yet, if we mutually kept to that spirit and power which crucifies to the world, which teaches