

by order of the overseers of the press, directed to be read in monthly-meetings of business within our own yearly-meeting, informing where the books were, and that the price was no more than the cost of printing and binding them ; many were taken off in our parts ; some I sent to Virginia, some to New-York, and some to Newport, to my acquaintance there ; and some I kept, expecting to give part of them away, where there appeared a prospect of service.

In my youth I was used to hard labour ; and though I was middling healthy, yet my nature was not fitted to endure so much as many others : that being often weary, I was prepared to sympathize with those whose circumstances in life, as free men, required constant labour to answer the demands of their creditors ; and with others under oppression. In the uneasiness of body, which I have many times felt by too much labour, not as a forced but a voluntary oppression, I have often been excited to think on the original cause of that oppression, which is imposed on many in the world : and the latter part of the time wherein I laboured on our plantation, my heart, through the fresh visitations of heavenly love, being often tender ; and my leisure time frequently spent in reading the life and doctrines of our blessed Redeemer, the account of the sufferings of martyrs, and the history of the first rise of our society : a belief was gradually settled in my mind, that if such who had great estates, generally
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