

Christ's government hath been opened in my understanding ; and under this exercise, that of friends being active in civil society, in putting laws in force which are not agreeable to the purity of righteousness, hath, for several years, been an increasing burthen upon me ; having felt, in the openings of universal love, that where a people convinced of the truth of the inward teachings of Christ, are active in putting laws in execution, which are not consistent with pure wisdom, it hath a necessary tendency to bring dimness over their minds : and as my heart hath been thus exercised, and a tender sympathy in me toward my fellow members, I have, within a few months past, in several meetings for discipline, expressed my concern on this subject.