

but if it was his will to farther refine me under affliction, and make me, in any degree, useful in his church, I desired not to die. I may, with thankfulness, say, that in this case I felt resignedness wrought in me, and had no inclination to send for a doctor; believing, if it was the Lord's will, thro' outward means, to raise me up, some sympathizing friends would be sent to minister to me; which were accordingly: but though I was carefully attended, yet the disorder was, at times, so heavy, that I had no thoughts of recovery: one night in particular, my bodily distress was great; my feet grew cold, and cold increased up my legs toward my body; and, at that time, I had no inclination to ask my nurse to apply anything warm to my feet, expecting my end was near: and after I had lain near ten hours in this condition, I closed my eyes, thinking whether I might now be delivered out of the body; but in these awful moments, my mind was livingly opened to behold the church; and strong engagements were begotten in me, for the everlasting well-being of my fellow-creatures: and I felt, in the spring of pure love, that I might remain some time longer in the body, in filling up, according to my measure, that which remains of the afflictions of Christ, and in labouring for the good of the church; after which, I requested my nurse to apply warmth to my feet; and I revived: and the next night,