

on First day morning have been attended by our members generally; those on First day evening, & in the middle of the week have been neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior has been avoided, with slight exception in one Meeting.

Ans. 2. We believe Friends generally maintain love becoming our Christian profession. Tale-bearing & detraction have been discouraged, & when differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

Joseph P. Elliott, John C. Thomas, James Carey Jr., Jas. E. Underhill, J. John Jolliffe, Sapt. B. Wright, Joseph Edge, Chas. J. Thomas, Saml. R. Neave, James M. Hoze, Daniel J. Hoze, Saml. N. Brown, Wentworth C. Zeverly, & Philip J. Hable were appointed to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting as our Representatives, and report to our next meeting.

At this point, the meeting went into joint session with women Friends.

The Committee to visit Benderville reported that but one of their number had been able to visit it. The Committee is united in believing that a meeting house is needed there, & that there should be a general subscription to aid in erecting it. After some discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the Yearly Meeting.

A memorial of our late beloved friend Deborah C. Thomas, forwarded to this Meeting by Baltimore Monthly

Meeting was read & approved & directed to be forwarded to the Representative Meeting of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. It is as follows.

MEMORIAL OF BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS CONCERNING DEBORAH C. THOMAS A MINISTER, DECEASED.

The lives and experiences of Christians who have lived and died in the faith of Christ are a precious legacy to the Church, and an inspiration to men. Those who witness the daily consistency of life, and the development and growth in grace of the children of faith, are irresistibly attracted to the Saviour, through whom alone such lives are rendered possible. The life of Deborah C. Thomas was such an example, and such an inspiration. Born in a community of Christians who recognized the gifts of the Holy Spirit as equally given to men and women, and early taught obedience to the call of the Lord, the gift bestowed upon her became an important part of her life.

She was the daughter of Henry and Mary Hinsdale, and was born in New York Twelfth month 13th, 1817. Her father traveled as companion of Stephen Grellet and Joseph John Gurney, and other ministers, on their religious visits to Friends and others in this country and the West Indies; and while quite young she was brought into intimate companionship with many Friends, both American and English, who were engaged in Gospel service.

Thus she was early enlisted in the cause of Christ, and soon began to speak in the New York meetings. Her ministry was from the first marked by fervor, and with great power in prayer. Her melodious voice and striking appearance, joined to her simple faith and her intense earnestness, made her utterances very impressive. She soon began to visit the Meetings of her own Yearly Meeting, and afterwards attended all the regular Yearly Meetings, both in this country and Great Britain; some of them several times. With this service was often joined the visiting of Friends in their families, a work for which she was eminently fitted. Her sympathies went out to those she visited in their joys and sorrows, and in many a family circle, and by the bedside of the afflicted, her words were used to comfort and edify, or to draw the heart away from things temporal to things eternal.

In 1859 she was married to Dr. Richard H. Thomas, and removed with her aged mother to her husband's house, near Baltimore, Md. Her married life was of short duration; her husband dying First month 15th, 1860, when little past the prime of life, being only fifty-five years old. He had been for years a physician of large experience and skill, and an active and faithful minister of the Society of Friends, preaching extensively the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, both at home and abroad, with power and much result.

The death of Dr. Thomas was a great loss to the Church in Baltimore, and it seemed providential that he should have left in his widow one so well qualified to minister to the people, and to strengthen the Church. The position of Deborah C. Thomas at this juncture was peculiarly difficult; left with the care of an aged and infirm mother in the midst of the large family of her husband, almost a stranger in a strange land, she had the opportunity of testing the strength of her faith and allegiance to her Lord. Under these cir-