

circumstances she maintained without wavering her Christian character; she was circumspect in all her ways, and especially during the civil war the Lord set a watch over the door of her lips, and during the thirty years that she passed in her new home, which became every year more dear and congenial to her, no expression or word can now be remembered that she should wish recalled.

She was diligent in the work of the ministry, and her message met the witness for God in the hearts of many. A true and humble believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, she had a deep concern for souls, and spent much time in private prayer for those whom she felt specially laid upon her heart; indeed, it seems almost impossible to think of her apart from her gift, so completely did the sense of her responsibility to the Lord influence her entire life. She believed that she had a gift, and that she might speak in His name the word of life and salvation to others. She was thus often led into a clear comprehension of the present needs of those to whom she ministered. A marked instance of this may be spoken of here. While attending London Yearly Meeting, during her first visit to England, she felt drawn to visit the men's meeting. Her message was a clear and direct one, and in the course of it, she said: "There are those in this Meeting, between whom and their service for Christ the ocean rolls; for some there is but just time to complete it, before the end of their life on earth." This was the word of the Lord to our late dear Friend, Stanley Pumphrey, as mentioned in his published memoirs, who shortly afterwards came to this country, and was greatly blessed in his work, and died only a few months after his return home. Two others were preaching the Gospel in Australia within a year.

During the thirty years of her sojourn in Baltimore, Deborah C. Thomas heartily entered into the work of the Church, which grew out of the quickened spiritual life of its members. She was always in sympathy with aggressive work for souls, and shared with her friends the pastoral and evangelistic efforts which were persistently carried on.

In 1884, while attending Indiana Yearly Meeting, she was thrown from a carriage, and the small bone of one of her ankles fractured. She never regained the same vigorous health which she had enjoyed before, but continued in active service until the autumn of 1888. She became increasingly feeble during the winter and spring, and her last illness was one of much weariness and suffering. But while her bodily strength was passing away, her patience was great, and her faith firm in her Lord. The promises came to her with fresh power in her weakness, and she would often say when they were repeated to her: "How beautiful! and I don't deserve one of them." She never spoke of her past life or service, except from the standpoint of the Lord's enabling power and grace. In a prayer uttered one night, when she seemed to have forgotten the presence of anyone, she said: "Thou hast never forsaken me for one moment; Thou hast guarded me, Thou hast led me; Thou didst gird Thy feeble child for Thy service, and I can never praise Thee enough for what Thou has done for me." Again she said, when utterance was difficult: "Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." To the last her heart still went out for those she loved, for the Church of Christ, and especially for the little children in this world of sin. Fervent were the petitions she put up for these, as she was heard asking that the Shepherd would find them, and save them, and bestow gifts upon them. At another time, after a chapter had been read, she closed her eyes, and after a few moments, said very slowly, with frequent pauses: "Dear Father, please anoint Thy Church to-day. Let there be a pouring out of Thy Gospel. Let some take the words from Thy lips, and let some one carry the crumbs to others."

May the people be under the droppings from Thy sanctuary, that they may know how good it is to be near Thee." Almost her last conscious words were in reply to one, who in bidding her good-night, said: "The Lord is Thy Shepherd, thou shalt not want." Although she had seemed almost unconscious, the words from the Psalm that had been her favorite during her illness, roused her, and she responded clearly and sweetly: "He is all-sufficient for me." Thus did her last testimony crown her years of child-like trust and willing-hearted obedience.

Signed on behalf of Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Ninth month 5th, 1889.

JAMES CAREY, Jr., Clerk.

MARGARET H. ELLIOTT,

Clerk for the day.

Then concluded  
John C. Thomas  
Clerk

At Baltimore Quarterly Meeting  
of Friends (Men) held at Baltimore  
1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 13<sup>th</sup> 1890.

By reports from the Monthly Meetings  
the following Friends were the Repre-  
sentatives; viz. from

Baltimore { Joseph S. Elliott Jas. W. Tyson  
Wm L. Elliott Thos. R. Matthews  
Hopewell - John Griffith  
Deer Creek - Geo. L. Scott & N. Newlin Smith  
Patuxent - Saml. R. Neave  
Lincoln - Isaac C. Roger & Jas. R. Pencaut  
Ashton - Merritt M. Haviland & Philip  
J. Stabler.

Who were present except 6, for the absence  
of 2 of whom reasons were given.

The Representatives to our late Yearly  
Meeting reported that they all attended  
but 3.

The proposition to establish a Fund for  
aiding in the erection of a meeting house  
at Bendersville & also to establish a