

of God. But for the wisdom and tact, energy and enthusiasm, perseverance and hard work, all combined, that he threw into the cause, it could never have been crowned with such success. He visited North Carolina more than thirty times, often for weeks together; he attended nearly every Yearly Meeting in America and Great Britain more than once in behalf of this cause, and it was largely through his earnest efforts, his often-times eloquent addresses,

backed by the universal confidence in his ability and integrity, that more than \$125,000 was contributed by Friends to the Association of which Francis T. King was the head. No one not familiar with the work could form a correct idea of the amount of labor and thought involved. Copies of only the more important letters were preserved, and they are enough to fill a volume. The result of these years of labor by the Baltimore Association was that much physical suffering was relieved, many families were saved from financial ruin by judicious loans, improved methods of agriculture were introduced, a complete system of education was established, the wholesale emigration of Friends was stopped, and the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina was not only maintained and its influence greatly extended, but its membership increased from 2,200 in 1860 to 5,000 in 1881.

When the North Carolina schools were well established and under home management, Francis T. King began to plan a scheme for the promotion of higher education throughout the Society of Friends in America. In Twelfth month, 1877, by the invitation of himself and another Baltimore Friend, the first general "Conference on Education in the Society of Friends in America" assembled in Baltimore, attended by educators from every Yearly Meeting on the continent except Iowa, Kansas and Canada. The interest and beneficent results of this Conference were so marked that another was held at Haverford College in 1880, at which Francis T. King was again one of the leaders; and although his health did not permit him to attend the next Conference, held at Earlham College in 1883, he sent a written address and a representative, and his influence was strongly felt. Besides these efforts in behalf of education among Friends in general, the careful distribution of \$10,000 sent by English Friends in aid of Home Mission work and education in North Carolina and Tennessee, from 1878 to 1882, and of the Meeting House Fund, raised mainly through the efforts of Stanley Pumphrey and other English Friends, amounting to \$5,500 disbursed during 1881-'86, required of our friend much thoughtful attention. In 1882 he also took an active and influential part in raising \$32,000 for the enlargement and improvement of New Garden Boarding School, and in perfecting plans for it. To all these funds he was a large contributor of money.

At this later period Dr. Joseph Taylor, of Burlington, New Jersey, an intimate friend, communicated to Francis T. King his design of devoting his large fortune to the founding of a College for the training of women in the higher branches of learning. Dr. Taylor made Francis T. King president of the board of trustees of the new College, which he himself lived long enough to locate at Bryn Mawr. At his death soon after, Francis T. King, as president of the board of trustees, worked with the other trustees of the new institution, all members of the Society of Friends, to establish it on the advanced ground desired by the founder. The success of Bryn Mawr College and the excellent work it has done, are the best evidences of the wisdom of the plan adopted by the trustees. To Haverford College he also gave both money and much attention, being for many years a trustee.

A large portion of his time during the last ten years of his life was given to the development of the plans for the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Its organization and building, and the thought of the benefit a thoroughly planned and conducted institution for the care and treatment of the sick might accomplish, filled him with enthusiasm. He visited

hospitals in this country and in Europe, giving attention not only to the general plan, but to minute details of organization and structure. The completion and opening of the Hospital found him in impaired health, but he lived to see it at work, the wards filled with patients, and the staff of doctors organized and busy. To the Johns Hopkins University he also gave much valuable aid and suggestion.

In the midst, however, of all these interests, his spiritual life was deepening and his Christian character maturing. He resided during the summer at Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., and took a deep interest in the spiritual and material welfare of the mountain folk amongst whom he lived. In building up Christian work in the Sabbath School, and in religious meetings held among them, he was prominent, often addressing them publicly in words of Christian entreaty. His large correspondence with Friends in all parts of the world kept him in touch with the interests of the Society. He had gone heartily with Baltimore Meeting in all its work, both on Federal Hill and in the efforts to reach and benefit all of the members of his own Meeting. He took an active part in the after meetings held at the conclusion of the morning meetings at Entwistle street. As far as his health permitted, he was during the last year of his life, as always, a constant attender of all meetings for worship and discipline. He valued the silence in which the meetings for worship gathered; he was prayerful and earnest in his spiritual exercise, often finding in the word spoken by others the message he had in his own heart. Sometimes in a word of exhortation, sometimes in prayer, he took vocal part in the exercises. He had seen Baltimore Yearly Meeting increase in numbers and efficiency, and was for many years chairman of the Yearly Meeting's Pastoral and Evangelistic Committee, in whose labors he shared, although of late years unable himself to visit the more distant Meetings. In all the members of his own Meeting, as well as in those of the Yearly Meeting, he took a deep interest, being the personal friend and adviser of many. His long experience as an Elder had made him wise in counsel, and quick to recognize and encourage the gifts of those who were coming forward in the service of the Church. Desirous to extend the work of Friends, he greatly wished to preserve their distinctive Christian characteristics in doctrine and practice. The unity and fellowship which existed in our meetings he endeavored constantly to promote. Wisely sanguine, he saw the possibilities ahead and worked for their realization, whilst his cautious disposition checked an undue haste. His faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was simple and strong, and he continued to be a diligent student of the Bible, and to seek, in constant dependence upon Christ, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, feeling his inability to direct his own steps aright.

For several years he suffered from irregularity of his heart's action, and lived under the sense that his life might be suddenly terminated. Nevertheless, he kept on with his various duties, calmly trusting himself to the Lord. He attended our last Yearly Meeting, and took his usual interest and part in its proceedings. Little more than a week before his death, he presided, though evidently wearied in body, after a busy day, at the regular meeting of the Pastoral and Evangelistic Committee. Those who were present were deeply impressed with the fervent and childlike prayer which he offered at the opening of the Meeting; praying not only for a blessing on the Committee, but also with deep feeling for all the Meetings and members of the Yearly Meeting. It was his last public utterance. He was in the enjoyment of his usual health, in the midst of a happy home-circle, and still in active work, when he contracted pneumonia and encou rage the gifts of those who were go