

viz: A. Morris Carey, Miles White, Jr., Anna K. Carey, John N. Parker, Anna B. Thomas, S. Thornton Nichols, L. Ella Hartshorne, Rachel J. Hopkins, J. Eder. Wetherald and Lewis N. Hoge to form a standing committee for one year to arrange (with the Friends residing where the Quarterly Meeting meets) for the holding of conferences, should way open for it. It suggests that at the Quarterly Meeting held in 1st Mo. in Baltimore, the conference should form an integral part of the Q. M. which should adjourn and hold an evening session for it. and that the same should be the case at the autumn

first session on a regular basis
On behalf of the Committee

and reading constantly abreast of current thought, had an unusual grasp of the needs and possibilities of the present age. Those who heard him the most frequently were the most impressed with the variety and interest of his communications. He had a strong sense of the need of receiving a real message every time that he spoke, and he never forgot the importance of leaving to others in the meeting full opportunity for the exercise of their gifts. His sermons were remarkable for forcible presentation of truth combined with brevity of expression. His travels as a minister were not very frequent, but they were rather extensive. He visited a number of the Yearly Meetings on this continent; Dublin Yearly Meeting once, and London Yearly Meeting three times, and also held services in a number of the towns and villages in England. On these occasions his concern was largely for the young men, and they responded eagerly to his interest; he seemed to have the power of winning and holding their confidence. His work for young men in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association in Baltimore was large and important. Of this institution he was President from 1877 to 1884, when he declined a re-election, but remained on the Executive Committee till his death. The resolutions adopted concerning his decease by the Trustees of this Association contain these words: "The loss to the Association and to the young men of the city seems almost irreparable and we extend our sympathy not only to his bereaved family, whose loss is great indeed, but to every young man in Baltimore; for his death takes from them a true friend." The Secretary of the Association wrote: "He was never happier than when sitting quietly with one young fellow who needed help, and pouring into the undeveloped life some of his own strong faith and rich experiences. He never lost his touch upon men; never allowed them to look upon him, or to think of him, as an old man grown away from or out of sympathy with them. He was interested in all the concerns in their lives. His influence over the lives of the members of our Association was remarkable. He was a great favorite as a

speaker, and knew how to make the 'great theme' attractive to young men. His wholesome sunny life was a benediction."

When the noon-day prayer meetings for business men were being held, merchants would say, "If Dr. Thomas is to lead to-day, I will go; for he seems to know about our difficulties and temptations."

He was accustomed to spend his summers at his country residence in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and during this season of rest and relaxation he was unwearied in promoting all kinds of Christian work in the neighborhood. He always attended and frequently conducted the union services; and, in addition, held in his own house every First day morning for many years a Friends' meeting, to which all were welcomed. Many have testified to the spiritual help received in these meetings.

As a physician Dr. Thomas had a large and absorbing practice, and was careful to keep well up with the rapid march of medical science. To his skill in treating disease was added unusual power of personal sympathy, and many testimonials have been received from his patients of the spiritual help and comfort which he brought to them.

While giving so much time to definitely religious work and to his profession, his interests and sympathies were not confined to these. Every movement that promised improvement and elevation of the people, if he could approve of it, found in him active support and advice, and often he would take his seat upon the platform in a public meeting where