

lived, and died in the faith of Christ, and 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 place of the children of faith are irresistibly attracted to the Savior 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 inseparable part of her life so that it became difficult, if not impossible to consider it a part of her life.

She was the daughter of Henry and Mary Hinsdale and was born in New York 12th Mo. 13th 1817 - While quite young, she was brought into intimate companionship with many friends both American and English, who were engaged in Gospel work - Her father travelled as companion of Stephen Grellet and Joseph

John Gurney and other ministers, on their religious visits to Friends and others in this Country and in the West Indies -

She was early enlisted in the Cause of Christ and soon began to speak in New York Yearly Meetings. Her ministry from the first was 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 both impressive and striking.

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, to draw the heart away from things temporal to things eternal -

In 1859 she was married to Dr. Richard H. Thomas