

and removed with her aged mother to her husband's house near Baltimore MD. Her married life was of short duration, her husband dying Irish month 15th 1860, but little past the prime of his life, being only fifty five years old. He was a very active and faithful Minister of the Society of Friends in Baltimore and for years had been a physician of large experience and skill. He preached extensively both at home and abroad, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, 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 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 be remembered now that she would wish to recall.

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 seemed 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.