

This being her experience, the burden of her message was that others should enter into it. No one that listened to her could fail to be impressed with the conviction that she was speaking out of an experience from which faith had banished all doubt as to the certainty of the truths of which she was speaking and that she accepted without question, the revelation of God's will.

She was the daughter of Francis P. and Susan Allen of Bridgeport, Conn and was born on the 25th day of 10th month 1832. She was married in New York to Thomas P. Ellsworth, a member of Baltimore Monthly Meeting on the 19th of 9th month 1855. Soon after her marriage, hearing that one of the members of the meeting to which her husband belonged, had entered into the full and present realization of the experience of reconciliation with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, she determined not to rest until she herself should come into the same position, and from this time her Christian character rapidly developed.

By birth and education an Episcopalian she was unacquainted with the doctrines and practices

of Friends until after her marriage, but became much impressed with them and joined the Society in 1861. It was not without much mental conflict that she took this step, but when she did decide it was with her whole heart and, as was customary at that time, soon adopted the "plain dress" which she ever afterwards wore.

She became devoted in her attachment to the Society. How clear her hold was upon the principles which underlie the form of worship and the testimonies of Friends is shown by a letter written years afterward to one to whom she feared was becoming dissatisfied with them. She refers, as specially supporting the position of Friends, to the Second Chapter of Colossians, with its strong teaching as to the Headship of Christ, "in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily". Starting with this as the central thought, she saw how "beautiful" and sufficient and spiritual that worship is which is held under the immediate guidance and direction of the Lord.

There are but few details to be recorded of her life — one who knew her well and loved her