

retired from active business - He was an Elder in Baltimore ~~Marble~~ Meeting and gave thirty years of his life to the Church and to benevolent and Educational work His ancestry on his father's side were Christian people and Friends - His great grand parents of whom a Manuscript life was preserved were the one an elder and the other a minister in the Society of Friends in 1793 - His mother Mary Ellicott was the daughter of Chas Ellicott one of the founders of Ellicott City - On his mother's side he was connected with some old Maryland families. Many of them members of the Society of Friends - From early life he manifested great conscientiousness and his accompanying his mother on Missions of mercy early stimulated his own action He devoted his first savings, \$100 to the purchase and liberation of a colored youth in whom he became interested and was afterwards during the days of Slavery often instrumental in the purchase and selling at

liberty of other slaves, though he would never consent to become even the nominal owner of a slave himself -

Francis T. King was two years a student at St Mary's College, Baltimore and afterwards entered, at its opening Harvard College, then Harvard School - His residence at Harvard though short had in his own estimation a permanent influence upon his life - The number of students was at that time twenty one and his intercourse with them and the professors and teachers had all the characteristics of home life and association - The friendships formed at Harvard continued through life and he and others of that first class took a warm interest in Harvard, some of them like himself becoming in after years Managers of the College - After a severe mercantile training of several years he went into business on his own account from 1840 to 1856 when he retired from active mercantile pursuits -