

In 1846 he married Elizabeth T. Taber daughter of W^m C. Taber of New Bedford, a young friend of great attractions of person and beauty of character. During their short married life of ten years and especially after the exercise of her gift in the Ministry they labored together in the work of the Lord. Their house was always open, especially to their young friends upon whom they exercised a permanent influence. Elizabeth T. King died quite suddenly in 1856 leaving three daughters who survived their father. His interest in personal religion was awakened by hearing an address delivered in the street by John Hersey, a Consecrated Methodist. When Joseph John Quincy paid a religious visit to this country in 1838-9 he was the guest of his father Joseph King Sr. and soon became greatly interested in Francis and asked the young man to be his companion on a visit to the Meetings in Oregonia. The intercourse between them sifted and

spiritual Englishman and his young friend was the turning point in the life of Francis T. King. He then realized his pardon and acceptance with God the Father, through Jesus Christ His Son and accepted intelligently and heartily the views of the Society of Friends in regard to worship the priesthood of believers the so-called ordinances, peace and other points and especially the doctrine of the individual guidance of the Holy Spirit. He found in his own Meeting true Gospel fellowship and Ministry and rapidly advanced in Christian Character and usefulness. He felt called of God, but after mature deliberation not to the public Ministry of the word but to a life dedicated to the Service of Christ in other lines of work. His Capacity for mercantile business was great, but in the midst of a successful career, like Matthew at the Receipt of Custom he heard the Command "Follow me" and he arose and followed him.