

Having become possessed of the Spirit
 him that he had covenanted with his Lord
 to be satisfied with the income from which
 was sufficient for the comfortable sup-
 port of his family, he withdrew from
 active business, and although always
 interested in financial concerns, he after-
 wards engaged in no business which
 he believed would interfere with his
 devotion to the main purpose of his life,
 the affairs of the Church and the welfare
 of men.

To a friend the Guidance of the Holy
 Spirit is no intangible doctrine, held
 in common with other doctrines, but a
 daily experience - Upon this golden thread
 he hung all his after work - Recogniz-
 ing himself as a simple instrument in
 the Lord's hand he was humble and cautious
 and desirous of daily guidance in what
 he did and in what he declined to undertake.
 He was a man of prayer and daily laid
 before the Lord his concern for the Church

and the objects which claimed his attention.

His deepening Christian life was soon
 acknowledged by the Church and when quite
 young he was made an overseer and an
 Elder of Baltimore Monthly Meeting - He
 was clerk for years of this Meeting and of
 Baltimore Quarterly Meeting and afterwards
 and afterwards served the Yearly Meeting as clerk
 from 1856 to 1885.

All these offices he filled ably and faith-
 fully, readily yielding them to others in order
 to bring them into the work of the Church at the
 right time -

At the beginning of Francis T. King's Service, the
 Society of Friends in Baltimore was still feeling
 the separation which occurred in 1828, but with
 a few young men of like purpose a nucleus of
 Christian effort was soon formed - Besides
 their activity within the Society they had a fresh
 day school for colored people, then under the
 laws of Slavery -

Francis T. King soon became a representative
 citizen in Baltimore as well as a repre-