

William lived in the homes of Friends for quite a number of years, and was helped very much in his education, and especially in the use of language, by them. His first Church connection was with the Methodists, acting as an Evangelist or Preacher for some time in that Church, but later, feeling it to be the Master's will, he united with the Friends, was received into membership by Carmel Monthly Meeting, Indiana, 4th of 6th month, 1873. And was recorded a Minister 7th of 3rd month, 1874.

He spent a large part of his time in evangelistic services. We find that at different times he visited, with the concurrence of his friends, various Meetings in Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Vermont, New York and Canada. His first visit to Canada was in 1875, and in 1st month, 1878, he was certified from Oak Ridges Monthly Meeting, Indiana, to Mariposa Monthly Meeting, where many through his labors were brought to the Saviour; and after some years he was certified to Ohio, and then in 1895 he was again a member of Canada Yearly Meeting, being certified by Milan Monthly Meeting, Ohio, to Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, Ontario. He remained a member of that Meeting until his death.

It was hard for William Allen at first to give up to a call to the ministry, feeling that the lack in education made it impossible for him to stand before an intelligent audience and speak to them. Some very severe Providences became his, before he was willing to say "Thy will be done," and then *after* entering upon the work he was several times tempted to stop. It may not be out of place to give one or two of these *peculiar* lessons here.

William Allen, like others, desired to possess his share of this world's treasure, but God willed otherwise; in a spirit of rebellion he rented ground and sowed a field of wheat, when harvest time came, to all appearance there was a fine crop, but upon examination it was found that the crop was a total failure, while just over the fence, the wheat was fine. This did not deter him from his purpose, but God who is *rich* in love, yet when He speaks desires obedience, did not leave him. One evening while at the tea table, he was smitten under the power of God, carried out of the body so as to catch a glimpse of eternal darkness, and also of blessed light; at this point a messenger appeared to him, and William yielded to the Divine call, and came to, after a prostrated condition for twenty-four hours, *then* practically began William Allen's work for the Master.

He was a man of sterling character, noble in spirit, meek, but firm in his conviction for the truth, or whatever he believed to be right.

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