

## Allen C. Thomas, A.M.

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**A**LLEN CLAPP THOMAS was a son of Richard Henry Thomas and Phebe Clapp, born 26 xii. 1846, in Baltimore, Md. He entered Haverford College, Pa., in 1861, and later engaged in business life in Baltimore. He returned to Haverford College in 1878, and occupied several professional positions there, being appointed Librarian in 1878 and Professor of History in 1893, which posts he held till shortly before his death.

A. C. Thomas's principal works include a History of Pennsylvania and a History of England, and in collaboration with his brother, Dr. Richard H. Thomas (in the earlier editions), he wrote "A History of the Society of Friends in America."

He was assistant Clerk to Baltimore Y.M., 1875-1884 and 1888-1897, and Clerk from 1897 to his death. He was a Recorded Minister.

When the "Friends' Historical Society of Philadelphia" was established in 1904, he became editor of its "Bulletin." His knowledge of Friends' history and literature was unrivalled, and this was most willingly placed at the disposal of students. Especially helpful was he to the Librarians at Devonshire House in giving information on Friends' literature, and in adding to the Reference Library books from his own library and other sources. Had he lived he would have been this year's President of the Friends' Historical Society (London).

A. C. Thomas's neighbour for many years, Amelia Mott Gummere, writes to the editor :

He had been in failing health during the past six months, especially, and led a pathetically lonely and singularly uncomplaining life. My son was one of those with him at the last, and of the little group that bore him home from the hall where Mr. Hoover was speaking to an audience not aware of what was taking place.

Further tributes to the memory of A.C.T. will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.