

## Two American Ministers

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LONDON Y.M. 1857.—“ The two American men friends have spoken well to us—Daniel Williams is a plain, homely-looking, simple-hearted man. He spoke but briefly, but with manifest and deep piety.

“ The other, Dr. Thomas, is a much more polished man and altho' as soon as he speaks we can at once perceive he comes from the ' far west,' it is most agreeable to listen to him, for his mode of elucidating his subject-matter is perfectly connected, bold and yet subdued and somewhat original.”

*From an account of Y.M. written by Robert Ransome.*

Richard Henry Thomas, M.D. (1805-1860) was from Baltimore, Maryland (not from the “ far west,” unless the whole of America was included in that term). He married Phebe Clapp. They were parents of our late dear friend, Allen C. Thomas and his brother, Richard H. Thomas (*Bulletin F.H.S.* iii. 116, 119, x. 42). Dr. Thomas married, secondly, in 1859, Deborah Collins Hinsdale (1817-1889), who became a true helper to her husband during the remainder of his life spent in much suffering, and a mother to his children as long as they needed her care. She visited Europe as a Minister in 1874-5 and in 1883-4. See *Annual Monitor*, 1861 and 1890.

Daniel Williams (1792-1873) was of Wayne County, Indiana. He was in Europe in 1857-8. He was one of the Friends visited by Priscilla Green, when in U.S.A. in 1856-8. She writes to her brother and sister :

“ Philadelphia, 7th day, 3 mo. 28. 1857 :

“ At the Mo. Meeting in 12<sup>th</sup> street the week before last, we had the company of Daniel Williams. . . . His manner of speaking is not agreeable, perhaps from his breathing being not very free. He is pale and thin, and the proposed visit to England is thought a great undertaking for him. We find that he and Dr. Thomas, and Chas & Susan Wilson, intend going by the ' Persia ' on the 29<sup>th</sup> of next month.”

(Extracted from letters of P. Green in D.) See *The American Friend*, 1907, p. 600 ; *The Friend* (Phila.), 1908, p. 21.

“ D. Williams was at meeting this morning. He speaks very loud, but when you get used to it and to his Americanisms, I think, in general, he preaches Christ Jesus, & that plainly.”

THOMAS WHITE FISHER to John Hodgkin, Dublin, 30. 10. 57.