

CHAPTER X

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith : Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day : and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.—2 Tim. 4 : 6-8.

CLOSING REMARKS AND TESTIMONIES

In penning these reminiscences I have been impelled by a strong desire to encourage my younger brethren in the ministry, who may be depressed with a consciousness of their insufficiency and unworthiness, to go forth in humble dependence upon divine strength, and in their efforts to make known the Gospel message, to claim the cheering promise, "My word shall not return unto me void."

As an aged minister, soon to close my work on earth, I would fain give any hints in my power that might be helpful to those who are just girding on the Gospel armour. I have, however, no stereotyped methods for the promotion of revivals. A large portion of my ministerial life has been spent in the discharge of pastoral duties, so that I have not claimed to be a professional evangelist. As a pastor I always had a strong desire to enlarge the bounds of Zion by winning souls to Christ. It was said of Edward Payson, who in his day was pre-eminently successful in the Lord's