

meetings of the church; and this he did increasingly to the end of his earthly strength. The source of all these varied activities, these warm and loving sympathies, extending over so large a period, and to the extreme limit of life, will be found in the devotion and delight our revered brother had in his habitual and thorough search of the word of God. With increasing diligence during the last few years he devoted himself to it, and came to realize in some good degree the power of that blessed hope which sustained the great apostle.

He to the last spoke of this church with tender interest, rejoicing in its prosperity, and in the readiness of its members to undertake service, and grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

During the last few weeks, while his life work was rounded out and finished by his good confession, he simply awaited the messenger the Master would send for him. Looking into the open door of heaven, he testified the full sufficiency of the sure foundation, the blessedness of the assured *hope*, that departing he would be with his Lord, and that soon He would come again in glory. Said he at one interview, "I rest in this hope." Under this truth in the Spirit he rapidly ripened for glory. "Looking unto Jesus, and looking for Him," he patiently waited for the chariot to come. He had finished his course: he had striven the strife: he had kept the faith.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Henceforth before him is this *crown of righteousness*. "Not to me only," said *Paul the aged*, but to all them that have loved His epiphany. Our dear brother embraced this hope fully. He looked into the heavenly places with serene and humble delight, his work all done, ready to depart and