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## TO THE BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH.



DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST :

It is at your suggestion that I now commit to the Press a course of Lectures prepared with sole reference to your spiritual improvement. In so doing, I am influenced by two considerations: the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, which we have recently enjoyed, has brought into the church many new converts, who require to be instructed and encouraged in the particular graces of the Christian character; and the same work of grace should manifest its fruits in a higher Christian culture attained by every member of the church. If these specific and familiar counsels which gained your attention when spoken from the pulpit, can contribute at all to such a culture among you, I shall be thankful for the privilege of thus repeating them in your family circles, and in the nearer intercourse

of the closet ; "endeavoring that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance."

Moreover, these Lectures may serve as a memento of the delightful Sabbath services in our chapel, where a compact and sympathetic assembly has encouraged the most direct and earnest utterances of the pulpit. Yet I am sure, that separated from the circumstances in which they were prepared and delivered, these Lectures will quite disappoint you. The mind crowded with present labors does not easily recall thoughts and expressions uttered in the fervor of moments which are passed ; and, therefore, the unwritten illustrations and exhortations which belonged to these Lectures in their oral delivery, may not reappear upon the printed page. I have endeavored, however, to reproduce with all fidelity, that which your too favorable judgment has in the main approved.

The date of this letter reminds me that I have entered upon the fifteenth year of my ministry among you. Of all the years of this pastorate—blessed as many of these have been with tokens of divine mercy—there has been none more pleasant or more fruitful than that just closed, in which we have met



as one family for the devout and practical study of the Word of God. But the years that are before us, will bring upon us as a church wider labors and higher responsibilities. Wherefore, beloved, "building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." That He who hath called you to his kingdom of glory, may "make you perfect in every good work to do His will," is the prayer of

Your grateful and

AFFECTIONATE PASTOR.

APRIL 15th, 1859.



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