

was so conscientious as to be considered by many over scrupulous in his judgment on his own conduct, he exercised the broadest charity towards others. He carried his habits of punctuality so far as to expose himself sometimes even to unnecessary hardships.

His death, as might have been expected from such a life, was peaceful and happy. No words of regret, fear, or doubt fell from his lips, but he frequently uttered expressions of hope and triumph. In the death of Brother Lester, the church has lost a useful Minister; and of him it may be truly said, "He was a faithful man and feared God above many."

7. JAMES W. SLOAN.

The Rev. J. W. Sloan was converted to God in early boyhood, and before he began his work as a gospel minister, entered into the rest of perfect love. Impelled by love for perishing souls, he obeyed the call of God and the church, and devoted his life to the Christian ministry.

In 1853, he received his first appointment to the Brock Circuit. After spending a year at college he was appointed to the Hastings Road Mission. Three years he labored successfully on this toilsome field, and then was removed to Roxboro', where he was the honored instrument in the conversion of many sinners. In 1867, being threatened with consumption, he was obliged to retire from the active work, in which he so much delighted, and to take one year's rest. His last appointment was to the Warsaw Mission; here, earnest zeal for his Master led him to labor beyond his strength; but with failing health he rejoiced to witness an extensive revival of religion on this Mission.

On the 2nd of last March, his faithful and pious wife fell a prey to consumption; while at the same time, he was so low, as not to be able to attend her funeral. In a dying state he was removed to the residence of his mother-in-law, on the Millbrook Circuit; here he lingered for two months, witnessing to the last, that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin," and rejoicing in the hope of a glorious immortality. He exclaimed "My work is done, and I rejoice in having labored in the vineyard of the Lord,—now