

up the church on the "sure foundation." In the Sabbath School, he found a sphere of usefulness and pleasure; and as a temperance advocate he was intelligent, eloquent, and successful. But the period of his active and useful life was short, and was followed by a long and painful affliction, which he endured with patience and resignation, "for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward," and felt the sufficiency of the gospel he had so faithfully preached to others, to sustain and comfort his own soul. Through all his sufferings, his confidence in God was strong and unwavering, and his prospect of heaven grew brighter as the time of his departure drew near. He shared the victory of faith, and was more than conqueror through the blood of the Lamb. His last expressions were,—“The cleansing blood!” “My own Saviour!” “Precious Jesus!”

6. ALEXANDER LESTER,

Was born in Monahan, Ireland, on the 10th of February, 1828. Two years after the death of his father, he came with his mother to Canada, and settled in Lanark. He enjoyed the benefit of religious training, and his early life was singularly blameless. Under the ministry of Rev. E. B. Harper, in Belleville, in the year 1860, he found peace with God. Shortly afterwards, being prompted by the Divine Spirit to engage in the work of the ministry, he placed himself at the disposal of the Conference, and was received on trial in June, 1861. He was appointed successively to the Milford, Newboro', Elgin, Perth, Playfair and Westmeath Circuits. On the latter Circuit, fatigue and exposure, together with a fall from his carriage, received just before starting for Conference, impaired his feeble constitution, and he returned home ill. After a brief interval of rest he attended a camp-meeting, where he took cold, and continued subsequently to sink until the 8th of August, when he breathed his last.

Brother Lester was a man of more than average ability. His sermons were original, logical, and practical; and his language simple, chaste, appropriate, and forcible. He was exceedingly studious, and devoted much time to reading, without neglecting pastoral duties. His piety was deep and practical, and while he