

life for the truth, as it is in Jesus ; forgave his enemies, and died a triumphant death.

I am to speak to you now of the life of Mr. LESTER; not because he needs our commendation, but because we need the stimulus of his example. It will encourage us to find that we may reach after the standard and even attain to some of the characteristics of Stephen, that martyred associate of the Apostles.

Mr. LESTER was a man of tremendous energy, of great promptness of action, and of remarkable persistence. He had a vigorous body, with all the life and spirits of a boy. His industry was prodigious ; yet he never seemed weary. He was the last man whom you would expect to outlive. Gifted with a magnetic power, his manner was so genial and hearty, so cheerful and candid, that people of all conditions were attracted to him.

In January, 1860, I accepted a call to this church. I had traveled alone some 300 miles, in the chill winter. I was full of anxieties for the future. The cars reached the city late in the evening. Long