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Our late Bro. J. H. Stott junr. was
born at Lane-end or Bankton hill
Jan 26th 1798 & baptised a few days
afterwards in our chapel, his parents
being then, as they still are (for they
are both living) members of our Church.
From his childhood, it would ap-
pear the H. Sp^t. operated graciously
upon his heart, for he was always
seriously disposed, a pleasant son,
& maintained in youth & maturity
a steady character. After his marriage
24 or 25 yrs. ago, he became a com-
munion member of the church in which he
was born & br^o. sp^t. - About 4 yrs.
ago his mind was a good deal harassed
& depressed by a circumstance, for
which neither he nor any one else was
to blame, but which involved him to
an ~~enormous~~ amount very large for our
circumstances of life, ^{in debt} ~~the~~
^{sum} Lord blessed him & his wife & partners
honest endeavours to discharge all
debts & open them; yet the fear
of bringing disgrace upon his fami-
ly & his Christian profession so affected
his mind, that it is not improba-
ble, the epileptic fits to which he
was thenceforward subject, were the

brought on. From that time his
life was very precarious - & he was
well aware of it; & he appears to have
lived, with increasing earnestness
to make his calling & election sure;
he loved the house of G. D. & would fre-
quently run to his friends & rela-
tives, how much good the services had
been the means of doing his soul;
& he would doubtless have been a
more frequent attendant in the
Lords court, had he not been de-
terred by the fear of causing alarm
or disturbance, if he should be seized
in the chapel - as actually was the
case on one occasion; as it was
however, he was frequently seen
among those who went up to the
house of the Lord.

He was frequently known to retire
for the purpose of prayer, & we hope
was habitually watching for that
coming of his Lord which he knew
must & would be sudden. The evening
before his death, being asked by a
friend, how he was in health, he re-
plied, "I am very well; - but I have
not a minute to call my own; -"
meaning doubtless that he must

be taken at a moment's warning
Of late the fits seem to have been
more frequent, & he always fell down
in a moment, utterly unconscious.
Last Saturday morning he went, un-
known to his wife, between 7 & 8.
a.m. to the well called Bank-house
well to fetch water; where he was
no doubt seized with one of the
fits while standing by the brink
of this well, - fell into it - & was
very soon drowned. - tho' the well is
not 3 feet deep, - & he had but been
above $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour absent from
his house. All means were tried
in vain to restore animation; his
spirit had fled to God who gave
it, - & was soon fit to take him
home in this mysterious & striking
way. - That well, then, was a well
of death to him; but we trust there
was in him a well of living water,
the flowing of which was not stopped
by the cold waters of that fountain,
but which rather at that moment
sprang up into eternal life; - for
our late N. believed & put his whole
trust in that Saviour, whom he knew to
live eternally & who gives living
water to all that ask of him. - Our

late Mr. was 46 years old, & has left
a widow & 6 children to deplore his
loss. - May the Lord be their Provider
& Comforter, & lead them all to walk
with unceasing diligence, the heart of God
praising - the good part that shall not
be taken from them - that so they
may be prepared for length of days
& fit for early death.