

Depo. of Sep. 29. 1818.

Bro. George Shillito has not furnished us with materials for drawing up a Memoir of his life, where fore we can only give a very brief outline of it, & add what we know of him from our own observation. He was born at Robert Town Sept. 20th 1757, when very young removed with his Parents into this neighborhood. Subsequently he was put apprentice to the Clothing-Business with Mr. John Gillies in the late Mrs. Jones house at Newfield. Having thus brought up in the midst of the Presby Congⁿ, he had early strong drawings of grace, & the foundation for a happy life in communion with his God & Saviour was laid in his youth. In his 15th year he was rec^d into the Congⁿ. On the 23^d of Apr. 1772, or March 4th 1773 he passed for the first time of the H. Commⁿ. In process of time the management of the late Mrs. Jones Clothing business at Newfield was committed to him which he conducted with faithful, success. On Apr. 29th 1790 he entered into the marriage state with the late Mrs. Ham. Broadley the now afflicted Widow. He then began to carry on his trade on his own account with much persevering diligence till with the rich blessing of God. His marriage was blessed with 2 Sons & 3 Daughters all

of whom have preceded their dear Parent
into Eternity. Very severe was the trial
of this family when in the year 1813 & 14
all their surviving children were suc-
cessively removed from hence, viz. John, Chas.
& Mary. This bereavement, painful as it
was, he could however, after the usual feel-
ings of the chartering God had suffered, regard
as a wise Providence of our Dear Lord for
weaning him from earthly attachments &
as a kind; He spent the remainder of his days
free from all worldly entanglements, in
the enjoyment of the privilege of the long
and more immediate preparation for his
latter end. He accordingly resigned his busi-
ness, in the year 1814, freed his abode with
his dear partner, with whom he lived in
the most affectionate union, at Fairfield.
Having however from the habit of his life &
superior attachment to Edinburgh, he took the
first opportunity that offered still before the
close of the same year, to settle her at Ful-
ham. Here he appeared himself as a genuine
Brother, who not only highly prized his lot
of peace among the flock of Jesus, & truly re-
lished one excellent service rendered for the
daily nourishment of his soul, but also with
a divinely enlisted spirit of devotion
to promote the good of the cause by all

means in his power. His spirit of sincere
participation in the great work of the Congre-
gation, by counsel & by liberal contri-
buting was peculiarly valuable. His heart
evidently lived in the Lord, this daily conver-
sation testified that the Lord's cause lay
very near his heart. By the enlargement &
greater convenience of our Chapel galleries at
his private expence he has established a pleasing
memorial to himself. After the Card Synod he
was chosen a member of the College of Over-
sees, & at the same time appointed Curator of
the Libr. & in that offic. was so usefully acting
that his loss will not be easily repaired. For some
time he labored under an intestinal disease, the nature
of which could not be accurately ascertained &
the progress of which was perhaps accelerated by
sympathy with the recent severe illness of his
dear wife. Th' he was since then mostly confined
to his house & in bodily weakness increased rapidly,
he still attended the last funeral here, & after-
wards made some qualifying remark upon it.
The 20th inst. when he was already quite confined
to his bed, he spoke largely & feelingly on his stat. of
mind, to this effect: When I review my course I
see nothing but sin in myself, & if I have been pro-
tected from outward transgressions, it is thro'
mercy; my heart has been deceitful & very polluted,
& I claim no greater favor than with Mary Magda-
len before Christ. He used to lie at my Savior's

feel. I have a spark of faith, but it is weak: for
only in one way, nothing can comfort me but
one Savion's Blood remitt. Many tears flowed,
while he made this confession, & his words were
interrupted by frequent sobs. From worldly af-
flictions he appeared to much concern, that
every thing on earth was insipid to him, & the
communion of heart with the man of sorrows
was his only delight. Even the probability of
preceding his dear wife into eternity now ap-
peared a misery to him. He was more than
once carried into his room, & the affect & nature
of that scene may be better conceived than de-
scribed. The 21st. his bodily pains were so ex-
cruciating & his dissolution appeared so near, that
~~his~~^{his} ~~spirit~~^{sickly drinking spirit} was on a posture commanded to one Savion,
& the usual blessing was imparted to him.
Yet he received in some degree, but cold wa-
ter for several days was his only refresh-
ment, when he vented with much feelings into
one Savion's ejaculation on the sofa: I think!
Last Tuesday he called upon all that saw
him, to pray for his speedy release, & amidst
concreting pain prayed himself constantly
that his blood would soon take him to himself.
This favor was granted him after a very
w uneasy night, at 7^o past 5^o in the morning
of the 27th inst. at the age of 82 years &
2 months.