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Peter Hyland died May 1846

at Falmouth

Our late brother was born in this
place Sept. 12th. 1774, & baptised in
this Chapel a few days after his birth.
He was brought up very free all his education
at the Boys' Day-School which was however
superior in point both of instruction
& discipline to most other day-schools;
he was apprenticed to his father's brother by God,
at the proper age, afterwards entered into
partnership with him, & took the whole
concern into his own hands at his fa-
ther's decease in the y^r. 1818. Thus he
was born educated & spent his whole life
in Falmouth. He died in the same place; & he has
been heard to say that he never slept
more than a week together out of Falmouth.
He was twice married, first in 1802 or 3
to Ann Birley by whom he had 10 children,
all sons; the oldest, Joseph, died several years ago
leaving 3 sons, & the youngest, died soon
after his birth; the others, John & Thomas
surviving & by them he has seen 12 grand-
children, 7 Boys & 5 Girls in all. —

His first wife departed happy in
Oct. 1811; & in the y^r. following he
was united to his second partner, Mary
Wheatley but had no children by that
marriage. She likewise preceded her
husband to a better world in Aug^t. 1838.

Our late brother's family, at the time
of his birth, occupied the house adjoin-

in that in which my parents resided
I dwelt there for many years afterwards.
Hence, too, he was ~~many~~ years my senior.
I have known him intimately from my
earliest childhood, & am the better able
therefore to give a sketch of his character.
He was naturally of a very equable
temper had a ~~good~~^{about him} & good-natured &
humorous ^{but} ~~but~~ however was never
indulged to excess or let him into that
jesting "foolish talking & jesting which
are not convenient"; he was kind-hearted,
& almost uniformly cheerful; - he
was a most indulgent master & ~~of~~^{but}
strict integrity & uprightness of cha-
racter, both as a tradesman & as a pri-
vate character, - & knew no doubt, the
blessing of God that rested on his "faith
fulness in business;" & hence, too, the
respect & esteem in which he was held
by all connected with him whether in
the way of trade & business or as neigh-
borly acquaintances, or friends; & hence
the affection felt for him by his
relatives & dear friends. He was
a kind & loving husband & father & grand-
father; & tho' he had attained to a
good old age nearly 72 years he will be
sincerely regretted by many & will long
be held in affectionate remembrance.

He became a member of the Presb.^{terian}
Ch. - was admitted by confirmation to the
Lord's table in his youth, probably at
the age of 16 - No man can match the

precise date being from his infancy,
or t. up in the knowledge of the truth in the
mature & advanced age of the Lord & in the bosom
of a divine Company - & connected with a peo-
ple of God, only in & out among them, &
enjoying all the means of grace with them:
nor were their inestimable privileges thrown
away upon him; no doubt, his conversion
was required, - & he had seasons of compre-
hensive coldness, & indifference of heart
& of consequent unfruitfulness; but
he had & correct & clear views of exemplifi-
cal truth, & especially of the all-important
point that Jesus Christ is made unto us of
God's wisdom & righteousness, & sacrifice.
Redemption - & that may be all he said
to save lost sinners; & tho' he was not
one of those ~~who~~^{rather to} called to go down to the
battle, - but ^{rather to} to the staff to occupy
an humble & comparatively obscure
place all the days of his life - at the far
very forward to conversion spiritual
subject, he was rather the very reverent
& until the last 2 or 3 days of his life
more close & deserved than might have
been desirable, - yet, his consistent
conduct, his Islam spirit, his evident
love of the Lord's house & value of the
means of grace, - the faithfulness &
pleasure with which he, for many years
attended to the duties of various offices
intended to him in the Company; - as well
as the more open communications on
spiritual matters which marked his last
days - & the peace on which he at last
fell asleep, - assuring that he knew when
he believed he was in St. James - as his

refuge & fortress - his robe - & his
life-supplying stream.

He was, for a long series of years, probably
30 or more, a member of the Committee of
this Congⁿ; & for a still more lengthened
period of its council; & in the performance
of his duties in these capacities, his con-
siderable ^{piety & some ability} & his faithfulness,
integrity & practical wisdom were both
conspicuous & useful. He was also for
the unusual period of 52 years ^{pastor} quite
nearly a chapel-servant, - & in the
discharge of these gratuitous services con-
nected with that office, formerly for
more services than they are now known
not only exemplary faithfulness & dili-
gence, but an untiring interest & even
delight.

Our late B: was blessed with a good con-
stitution & generally robust health; however,
however, he had been rather subject to rheumatic
affections, & in the ? 1818 suffered severely
from rheumatic fever. He was however, ~~he~~ &
active until he had completed his 71st year,
but in the course of last winter his strength
began visibly to decline - & the more rapidly
as the spring advanced; he was however taken
last, quite free from pain - his whole ail-
ment being a breaking off of rest & com-
punctual decline of strength; increasing
drowsiness was the most marked symptom
of his complaint, - if complaint it may be
called, - & he mentioned it as a great
mercy that he enjoyed undisturbed sleep
the night ths^r, to the very last. - It was a
source of regret to all that, owing to his
increasing weakness, he was but rarely able
to come to the house of God to the evening
meeting last winter; but he came as often
as it was at all in his power, & he was ever