

Church History.

Minute on the Death of the Rev. John Watson.

The Rev. John Watson, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Fisherrow, Musselburgh, died on Monday the 5th August, 1844, in the 67th year of his age and 38th of his Ministry. Much and justly regretted, he was made very useful under God, particularly in the early part of his Ministry, in bringing many souls to knowledge of Salvation through Jesus Christ the Saviour. He was a faithful and laborious Minister of the Gospel, and many unbelievers are now in Glory who were the fruits of his labours, and numbers are still upon the footstool who bless God that even they sat under his Ministry. He was buried on Friday the 9th and his death was improved the following Sabbath, by his long and intimate friend and fellow labourer, the Rev. Mr Knowles of Linlithgow who preached in the forenoon from Hebrews 6th Chap 12th verse, "Be not Slothful" and in the afternoon from Genesis 25th Chap 8th verse, "Then Abraham gave up the Ghost and died". It was a very important sermon and much fitted to be useful. The Rev. Mr Alexander, Edinburgh, preached in the evening from Revelations 14th Chap and 13th verse, "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying blessed are the dead who die in the Lord", a most eloquent and impressive Sermon. Mr Watson was much beloved by his flock and highly respected by all who knew him, and many are left who mourn his loss, but not as those that have no hope, for they look forward to a period when they will meet him again in that place whereat parting is unknown and where they will unite with him in those services which gave him so much joy on earth.

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