

Epitaph in memory of the reverend SAMUEL SPRING, D. D.

'In memory of the Rev. Samuel Spring, born at Uxbridge 27 Feb. 1746, graduated at Nassau 1771, ordained Pastor of the North Church, 6 Aug. 1777, and died 4 March, 1819, in his 74th year. A man of original and vigorous mind, distinguished for a deep sense of human depravity, specially for his own unworthiness, and for exalted views of the character and perfections of God and the Redeemer; of great integrity, firmness, benevolence and urbanity; an able, faithful and assiduous Pastor, an ensample to the flock, over which he was placed, an affectionate husband, a tender father, a sincere friend. He was a Visitor of the Theological Seminary at Andover from its commencement, President of the Mass. Missionary Society Vice Pres. of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and in most of the other important offices of the other benevolent societies around him. He lived eminently useful and died universally lamented. In testimony of the grateful estimation with which the memory of their Pastor is cherished, this monument is erected by the bereaved and afflicted church and congregation.

'The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.'

On the monument erected to the memory of the reverend JOHN BODDILY, is the following inscription:

'The Rev. John Boddily was born in England, educated at Lady Huntingdon's College and came to America 1795. This church was founded that year. He was an affectionate evangelical preacher of the gospel. He died 4 Nov. 1802, aged 47 years.'

On that to the memory of the reverend JOHN GILES, is the following:

'Here lies interred the remains of the Rev. John Giles for twenty two years Pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in this town. He died 28 Sept. 1822 aged 66.'

On the marble pyramid erected to the memory of the reverend CHARLES W. MILTON, is the following:

'This monument is erected to the memory of the Rev. Charles William Milton, born in London 29 Nov. 1767, educated for the gospel ministry by Lady Huntingdon, he was ordained a missionary in Spa Field's Chapel, London 17 Feb. 1788, commenced the work of the ministry in the British Provinces in America, invited to this town by the Rev. John Murray, he accepted the invitation to become the Pastor of a new church, called the fourth church and religious Society and was installed 20 March. 1791. As a man he was upright, independent and philanthropic; As a friend (though his intimacies were few) warm-hearted and faithful; As a christian, zealous and stable; for personal piety eminent. His religion was in the heart rather than on the lip; As a minister of the New Testament, he was earnest, decided and evangelical; a scribe instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven; In his style and manner truly unique. No man was his model. In the fervour and eloquence of public prayer unsurpassed, if not unequalled. Forty three years he preached the gospel of Christ to his people with a fidelity and success preeminently signal and suddenly passed into glory May 1, 1837 aged 70. Many at the last day shall rise up and call him blessed.'

To these epitaphs, which I have inserted by particular request, I shall add only the following inscription, which is on the monument erected in the Federal Street church to the memory of the reverend GEORGE WHITEFIELD, by the munificence of the late William Bartlet, esquire.

'This Cenotaph is erected with affectionate veneration to the memory of the Rev. George Whitefield, born at Gloucestershire Dec. 16, 1714, educated at Oxford University, ordained 1736. In a ministry of 34 years he crossed the Atlantic 13 times, and preached more than 18000 sermons. As a soldier of the cross, humble, devout, ardent, he put on the whole armor of God, preferring the honor of Christ to his own interest, repose, reputation and life. As a Christian orator, his deep piety, disinterested zeal and vivid imagination gave unexampled energy to his look, utterance and action. Bold, ardent, pungent and popular in his eloquence, no other uninspired man ever preached