

Rev^d dear Father

ness permits, I take up my Pen to write you
 the melancholy intelligence of the death of my
 worthy Colleague Mr. Gillson who departed this life
 in the full assurance of faith August 10th at half
 past 10 P.M. ~~about a month after we were~~
~~where we had been superintending his Sord to~~
 God. I myself have had a very severe attack of
 Fever from which I do not expect to recover, and
 at present am only just getting about from a relapse
 occasioned by my last Sunday morning, 18th Gillson's
 funeral service which quite overpowered me this is
 the first day which I have been able to leave my bed
 in the Morning of July 26th when I rose I felt a very
 great pain in my back & shoulder I thought they were
 gone & therefore lay down again & sent for the surgeon
 who confirmed my suspicions. All that day I had
 fever very bad, but at night I slept and by next
 Morning I had fair remission. I lay in bed by the
 Surgeons order all day, but at night I became
 feverish, could not sleep and about midnight the
 fever again attacked me & with greater force than
 before, and I did not get remission again till
 towards Sunday Morning, at which time I lay
 without any rest, day & night, suffering the most
 pains as I cannot properly describe, especially
 across my back. That Morning I had remission
 for 3 or 4 hours took two doses of Doct & then the
 fever stop, some rest. Morning I had another
 and larger remission than I took a double dose of
 Doct. till the Fever stop, some again in that night
 I had the next attack which wore off before morning
 & left a fair remission. On Thursday July 29th my
 departed Colleague had to bury a corpse in the evening
 and another next morning in the afternoon he
 went to bury Town & preached and in the morning after
 returning he went to bed rather poorly but before
 morning he was better and from that time till
 11th he had no remission at all. For 4 days he

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