

Hadwick vicarage, 26 July 1882.

~~27~~ 230

My dearest Arthur

Burton's death

Thank you very much for the sight of the very interesting letter, which I ought to have returned sooner, but have been very busy one way or other. Poor dear fellow! I feel his loss very much - & have ventured on writing to his father. -

I never saw him excepting twice (possibly 3 times) at your house - but our correspondence (due to you as the originator) was tolerably frequent for years, & some, very delightful. What he had to say was in all ways so worth saying, and reading - and there was something so very modest & unassuming about him. I loved him very much - with the impression that had his life been spared it would have been only an increasing feeling.

I have no reason to suppose that he had me in his thoughts when he made that entry in his little book - but you may recollect his lending it to me at your house & my leaving it under your care. It is a most interesting record of his experiments & progress in speculum -