

Cholic (Bilious, Nervous)

colic: "A name given to severe paroxysmal griping pains in the belly, due to various affections of the bowels or other parts; also to the affections of which such pains are the characteristic symptom" (*Oxford English Dictionary*).

bilious: "Of, pertaining to, or connected with, the bile"; also, "Of diseases and temperament: Affected by, or arising from, too great a secretion of bile, or from bilious derangement" (*Oxford English Dictionary*).

1748 March 9 (Wednesday). Captain Maynard brought me a sorrowful letter from Brother Parkman with the heavy tidings of the death of my dear Brother Alexander on the 6th at evening of a bilious cholic. Oh that God would by this Providence which is so near me prepare me for own turn.

1760 May 18 (Sunday). N.B. Deacon Tainter informs me from Mr. *James Fay*, that his Wife lately dyed -- of bilious Cholick. And that She dyed gloriously.

1766 August 25 (Monday). I visit Mr. Hezekiah Pratt who is ill of the bilious Cholic.

1770 February 21 (Wednesday). Hear that Mr. John Maynard (Shooe maker) is very bad with bilious Cholick.

1770 February 22 (Thursday). I visited Mr. *John Maynard* in his sickness.

1771 October 1 (Tuesday). Mr. Bangs of Hardwick came from Mr. *Stones of Southborough* to Mr. Hannaniah Parker with a message to me, which Mr. Parker sent by his daughter to go to them in great Trouble by dangerous sickness. Whereupon I rode down at Evening, found Miss *Judith* very low of Cholic, Strangury etc. and Miss *Joanna* ill of Throat Distemper. *Quilla* their Negro Women, also, very low of Consumption. Prayed with them -- but went with Dr. Parker to Col. Brighams and lodged there.

1771 October 2 (Wednesday). After Breakfast etc. I returned to Mr. *Stones* -- conversed with the sick, in their Several Apartments and prayed with them, took leave.

1771 October 3 (Thursday). My Sister Cushing and her Grand Daughter Miss Lydia here. They came from Mr. *Stones*. Miss *Judith* is living, but is dispaired of: Miss *Joanna* worse. *Quilla* much as She was.

1771 October 11 (Friday). Mr. Stone sent *Peter* (his Son) to call me to see Miss Judith before she expires. I left my Study, my pressing affairs, and went. She was alive and had her Reason -- conversed a little. Said (as heretofore) Death was terrible. Discoursed with Miss *Joanna* and with poor Wasting *Quilla*. Prayed with them and returned.

1771 October 21 (Monday). I rode down to Southborough to See Mr. Stones Family again. But on my way heard that Miss *Judith* was dead. When I got there Mr. Stone informed me that She expired in the morning, the Sun about an Hour high. May God Sanctify the heavy stroke!

1771 October 23 (Wednesday). I went from Capt. Clarks to Dr. Wilsons, and So from thence to Mr. Stone's to attend the Funeral of his Daughter.... I dined at Mr. Stones, as did a Number of Ministers besides. Miss *Joanna* was better, and among us. I prayed at this Funeral also. Messrs. Smith, Mat. Bridge, Sumner, Josiah Bridge, and Dr. Parker and I were Pall-Bearers -- and 4 young men under Bearers. I understand that Drs. *Hemingway, Parker, and Curtis* had opened her, and found an Obstruction between the *Colon* and *Rectum*; by which means there had not been Vent for 28 Days. They drew up an account of it for the publick. [See the first page of the supplement to the *Massachusetts Gazette*, 31 Oct. 1771, for what Shipton calls "a remarkable account of the autopsy."]

1772 February 24 (Monday). I visited Mr. *Levi Warrins* Wife who is Sick, and is in a low Condition. Prayed with them. N.B. *Molly* also in distressing pain -- probably the Cholic has Seized her. Mrs. Warrin desires a Fast may be kept there, and that Mr. Frost might assist. To which I readily Consent.

1772 March 1 (Sunday). At the Close of the Exercises I acquainted the Congregation with the designed Fast at Mr. Warrins.

1772 March 5 (Thursday). Capt. Brigham in his Sleigh came and took me to ride with him in the Snow Storm, to Mr. Jonah and Levi Warrins to attend a Fast there on Account of their great and Sore Troubles -- in particular on Consideration of the Languishing Condition of young Mrs. Warrin. Messrs. *Frost* and *Fish* were there. Mr. Fish prayed and preached a.m. The Text was Mat. 17.17. Those words, "bring him hither to me." P.M. Mr. Frost prayed and preached. His Text Ps. 6.1 -- 3 verses. I prayed at the Conclusion. O that God would hear and accept! And that the word might do us good as it doth the upright!

1773 June 28 (Monday). Visit Mr. *Jonas Kennys* Wife, ill of bilious Cholic. Prayed with her.

1773 June 30 (Wednesday). Visit and pray with Mrs. *Kenny*.

1777 March 9 (Sunday). N.B. Lieut. *Hezekiah Ward* of *Grafton* dy'd Suddenly on the 6th. Mr. *Josiah Newton* dyed lately at *Brookfield*. AEtatis 29. He received the *Small Pox* by Inoculation but was seized by a bilious Cholic, which proved fatal to him.

1781 June 28 (Thursday). *Polly Scott* being Sick at Mr. *Gales* of nervous Cholic, I made her a Visit, and prayed with her.