

to breathe—I have been within this last Year very much troubled at the Doubts of others as bad almost as if they were my own souls Troubles—especially my dear young Bretheren here—about ye time of the Meeting of Ministers I was much troubled wth. evil Questionings about ye Self-origination & personality of Christ so that I could not tell what to do but while Mr. Hall preachd I was freed from this Temptation by these words “The Lord rained fire from the Lord” & by ye first of Hebrews “To the Son he saith “thy throne O God is for ever & ever—I have never been so plagued since, I then heard Mr Hall wth exceeding delight—but I must stop I’ve been long enough & I do not know who else I’d do this for hardly—but you desired it so much—but I charge you let none see it but that one whom I gave you leave for—& do both pray hard for ye vilest of Creatures but I trust your affectionate tho’ very unworthy Bror. the vile, the proud, the sinful

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Sandwich, Shallows and Margate.

JOSIAH THOMPSON gathered in 1770 some information that may amplify the paragraph on page 187 of our second volume. The Particular Baptist church at Sandwich had as its pastor Thomas Feckenham, from Worcester apparently, between 1687 and 1696. He went over to Ramsgate for a debate with Pack, an Independant, and published his sermon: if anyone can trace it, we shall be glad. Before the century closed, Mr. Shallows bought some land two miles from Margate, and built there; at one end of the premises was a Baptist meeting-house; he died in 1706. Richard Godfrey was in charge till his death in 1724. John Howe then gave pastoral care from his home in Folkestone for thirty years: a new meeting-house was built (in Sandwich or at Shallows?) and then in 1736 the Shallows group separated. Jervis, an apothecary, bequeathed a manse and some money. After Howe’s death in 1750 came Yielding, then Stone, who died 1762. Jonathan Purchis came in 1762, and started a new era by opening in Margate morning and evening.