



## Letter from Mr. J. Goulden Regarding Mrs. Rowden

Correspondence

To the Editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal

Sir, Permit me, through the medium of your Journal to bring before your readers a case of distress, which few beyond our immediate neighbourhood are aware of, or it would not fail to excite in many a feeling heart an anxiety to relieve.

It will be in the recollection of many that in the summer a devastating hail storm passed over this parish, doing immense damage to standing crops. One of the greatest sufferers was Mrs. Rowden, an afflicted and uncomplaining widow. She rents a farm of 43 acres. She had about eight acres of wheat and nine of barley. It is estimated that at least a quarter of the wheat per acre was destroyed, and the barley which was looking remarkably well previous to the storm, is now thrashed out and has produced only ten quarters from the nine acres. Leaving your readers to make their own calculations, and hoping this will call forth their sympathy and benevolence.

I remain, sir, your most obedient servant,  
J. GOULDEN.

P.S. – Will you kindly receive subscriptions on her behalf?

Wishford, December 22nd, 1855.

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