

Dear Father & Mother (family.)

I feel that this letter must not be closed without another heartfelt expression of my love and gratitude to all, for their sympathy and kind attentions to us and our dear little Son. I cannot tell you how much I feel his loss, For his Mother's sake & his own, I had exercised for 10 long weeks considerable self denial, hoping then to see him return improved in every thing, But God saw fit to take him to himself.

With love & kindest regards to all - including Rachel who must also be included above.

I remain your affectionate Son,
S. H. Galtin

Rev. D. Stephen W. Batten
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on the loss of his son