

Ashland June 21st 1862.

My dear Mr. Winter,

I return this morning
the book you were kind enough to send
me. I have derived much pleasure
& comfort from its perusal, and
with my thanks for it, permit me
to tell you how truly grateful I am
to you for the words of kind sympathy
contained in yours to me. My precious
little babe whom it has pleased
my heavenly Father to take to himself,
I had just to know him; our household
was his little world, but there he was
the bright centre round which the
love of all clustered. Pure and
innocent, with knowledge neither of
sin nor sorrow, how full of tender
love & mercy does his removal from
earth to heaven seem, even while