

[Hayward, Frankie]

Br. Austin: My poor suffering little "Frankie," the last member of my family, left me for the better land" this morning at a quarter past six o'clock, aged just six months. It has been a severe trial to me, to see my beautiful and only remaining child daily wearing away under the influence of that terrible disease, consumption. And it is very sad now for me to think, that of all the links in the mystic chain which bound me to this world, not a single one remains. The affectionate wife, and all four of the little ones that were given to us, have one after another been removed from my sight. But this is my comfort—the Father knoweth better than I do, what is best for me and mine...

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