

Dewey
Milwau

16 Stanley St. City

9th/₁₁ March 1897

Dear Sir W^m Dawson.

M^{rs} Dewey and I
were deeply moved by your
letter of tender sympathy re-
ceived last Saturday and we
are most thankful for the com-
fort ~~that~~ your kind words gave
us.

Our experiences, of late, seem
to be peculiar. Early in October
last our eldest child became
ill and since then we have had
four cases of diphtheria, four

cases of measles, one of scarlet fever and one of bronchitis in our family. We did all in our power for our sick ones and hoped they would all be spared. Our dear babe first took measles, then diphtheria, then measles again followed by bronchitis. He seemed to be getting better but his little heart was taxed beyond its powers and finally yielded to the strains. We found it difficult to think of parting with him. I thought him the finest child I had and would have been pleased had our loving Father ^{seen fit} ~~been~~ pleased to spare him to us. I must admit also that my desire to keep him

was increased by the fact that
he bore your name. I think
one so intelligent, so loving and
so good as he was would have
brought no discredit upon a
name so universally honored.
However, God has been pleased
to take him to Himself and we
try to submit to His will knowing
it is always wisest and best.

You were very kind in think-
ing of helping in the education
of our little son had he lived.
We cannot sufficiently thank
you for such kindness. We
also gratefully ^{accept} the sum you
enclosed in your letter towards
the expenses of the funeral.

I regret to learn that you
have been poorly and find it
necessary to take such care
of your health. The mild weather
of Spring may bring renewed
strength to you. I am sure your
many friends will earnestly
pray that such may be the case.

With kindest regards to Lady
Dawson and yourself in which
Mrs. Dewey joins with me,
I remain

Yours most sincerely

J. M. Dewey

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