

Trisington Conn,  
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Dear Willie,

Well I was delighted, just  
charmed to know that you  
were coming home, and  
each day finds me more &  
more pleased to feel that  
you are here. You need have  
no doubts at all, no matter  
what any body says, but that  
it was wisest, best, duty,  
religion, common sense  
every thing to come home &  
to stay home. It grieved  
me very much to be obliged  
to refuse your first request  
but it was not my fault, I  
just couldn't come down  
for Thanksgiving. Of  
course I am very anxious  
to see & be acquainted with  
your wife & babies, but I  
love them all the same with  
out seeing them, because  
they are yours. Then too I  
am longing to hear viva voce  
all about your foreign travel

and experiences, who so interested  
as I, in all that. Your last letter  
from Bulgaria describing  
your visit to Hermitage was  
splendid. The best one you  
ever wrote as far as I know.  
Then most of all I want to know  
something of your plans for the  
future. Mr. Gums says tell  
him if he wishes to go into  
journalism I will sell out  
the Thomastown Express, but I  
could suggest better things than  
that. Are you going into the  
newspaper work or are  
you, intending to preach  
again? or have you no plans  
at yet. I should urge you  
to bring your wife & babies  
& couple & make me a visit.  
were it not that my home is  
so arranged that the bedrooms  
are all cold (& very cold it is in  
Conn. at this time of the year) &  
most unsuitable for small  
children, but when it gets  
warmer then I shall look  
for you. In the meantime

if you could only come,  
If not, then I shall try  
to find you when I see  
once again the pleasant  
land of New Jersey, To keep  
me posted as to when you  
are to be, I have not said  
a word about Auntie, dear  
Auntie how glad she would  
have been if she could have  
seen you home again.

Poor Auntie do you think  
she knows? We must go to-  
gether to her grave the very  
first opportunity she loved  
us (you first) better than all  
else in the world, she told me  
so the very last time I saw  
her - Well I must stop  
Good Luck to you in  
whatever you undertake,  
but come what come will  
I am glad you are home  
again. Remember me kindly  
to your wife & children &  
believe me to be as ever your  
loving Cousin Anna

Hope you received my note  
at Dover —