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Dear Annie,

Your letter quite overwhelmed me with astonishment and surprise. It was nice of you to write at length and so promptly. In answer let me state that my people are all well, and live at Bayou Sara yet, though the name of the Post Office is now changed to St. Francisville. It is on the River near the junction of the Red. I was up there last Spring, while attending the inauguration of our Governor.

All were well and getting ready to move into a fine new Rectory. You must tell me about your folks, if you live at the old place? &c &c - anything and everything about yourself or concerning old Dy Gear will be welcomed news. The tramp you spoke of was undoubtedly Mr. Hester. If you had just thought to make him sign his name, any of us would have recognized it. But it was him without doubt. I am a "silver bug" and President of Regular Democratic Club - &c will send you a Bug, that will spread his wings if you touch the spring; if you have one already give it to one of the boys. I trust that the results of the Election will be of benefit to the masses. Am sorry to hear of your hard lot. Take courage old man, let adversity only stimulate your energies. As for

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 Mr. Will I owe in my own name, and by clear title ^{1896.} quite
 a large collection of debts; but I have so far supported
 my family very well, and taken the world easy - much
 easier than I should - I could not possibly get off now, else
 I should be only too glad to accept your cordial invitation
 immediately - Nevertheless let us keep up the renewed acquaintance
 till a more favorable time - In the mean time should
 you ever wander to ye slippery and crawfish-be-perfected land
 of the Pelican, remember that there is a safe harbor, and a true
 friend on the shores of Berwick Bay - I note near the close of your
 late favor that you pass some remarks of a reflecting nature upon the
 skill of my learned profession - In fact you have shaken the misty legends
 of the past, and chunked! the tree of knowledge of evil so full of sticks
 that derogatory epithets have fallen knee deep upon the grass green
 bosom of my much offended avocation! Drag you forth the closeted
 skeleton of "Hypocrates" from the innermost confines of the past,
 and before its sacred presence expose the mundicating nasconstig-
 uousness of modern medicine!! Verily it is well that you are
 at a safe distance, for no man has ever uttered such blasphemous
 vindictives against our art, and lived! Yea! he has fallen
 sooner or later a victim to the evergrowing necromancy -

Write soon again - Good bye

Yours
 G. H. Douglas