

St Mary's
Freeland

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Sept 18th (1939?)

Dear Mrs Gammie,

I felt I was horribly
unsatisfactory on the telephone,
but if you could only see
Anthony & the way he has
settled in you would be proud
of yourself as well as of him.

I don't wonder you miss
him horribly. It says a
tremendous lot for the way
you have brought him up
that he is able to be happy
without you. It is the unhappy
unstable & unsatisfactory-
home-children, curiously enough
who suffer most from

home sickness & ~~it says~~ Anthony is so serene, like a person at peace with himself and the world; suspecting no evil & so far I hope finding none.

I don't mean he's unhealthily saintly there is plenty of the nip in him & he enjoys a rough and tumble, but he is right apparently in his essentials.

If you can give him a fortnight to grow a few roots here before you come to see him I think he won't feel so sad after your visit; but if you really do want to see him before that do come & risk the risk; & will try to arrange that the other children don't know too much about it.

If it must be horrible to be deprived of a child just now of all times - Yes sincerely Barbara Freeman