

Dec 14th 1909.
4323 Cottage Grove.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Mother Michael & Bridget
and Family. I hope you will excuse
me for not writing to you often
don't think for a moment that I have
forgotten you. I know that Kate
John & Patrick sends all that I have
to say and I hear all the news from
there therefore I am careless in
writing. I am delighted to learn
that poor Mother is still in
good health. I have every confidence
in the world that God will spare
her and me to see each other one
more. I had a letter from
Brother John about a month ago.
he is well. he says Patt was
sent away to the Country again.
I guess they are all well.

perewith find a bank check for
Three Pounds hoping you will enjoy
yourselves during Christmas and
have mother take a half one
from me. I am late in writing
you this letter. I have been very busy
for the past eight days lots of snow.
And ice. so I have to work late
every night. and I am very tired
just at present so I hope you
will excuse my short letter
wishing you all a merry
Christmas and a happy new year

P.S. Thomas and Kathleen are
writing to their Grandmother so
you will see how well they are.
Advanced in school for five
months only. the children and ourselves
are well and happy. From your
affectionate Son

Thomas M. Hughes

to Mother

Good Bye

Kisses V X X to mother