

Herberton
Police Station
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My Dearly beloved Father

And mother

Brothers & sister I dont know or
can I think of asking forgiveness
for what I have done. That is not
writing to ye for such a length of time
and will not try to make any
excuses. as I am well aware of the
wrong I have done ye I really often
wonder at myself and think what
has come over me & my reasons
I cannot account for. But I know
what I have led ye all to believe
that I had forgotten all about
ye. No I have not nor did I ever
But with the help of god if I
am spared in future I will make

up for the past. Now that it is
drawing near that happy time
Xmas. I could not let it run farther
as I know how troublesome ~~it would~~
it would be & has been to you Father
and mother. You will find enclosed
the small sum of £5. five pounds
which ye might enjoy a happy Xmas.
and can be satisfied ^{to think} as long as shire
that I will not forget ye so again
ye need not answer this note until
ye hear from me again as I intend
writing another letter in three or four
weeks time. I had a letter from Brother
John a few days ago. himself and
uncle Terry & other friends in Sydney
are quiet well. I was never so much
surprised as I was to hear that Martin
Slattery was in Brisbane I was
so sorry to be away from there
I heard from him a few days ago
he has joined the police

and is quiet well I am about
a thousand miles north of Brisbane
but expect to drop across Martin
Shortly ye need not be uneasy about
him he will be all right. I write to him
often so he will not want for anything
He has forwarded the articles that
sister Honour and Mrs. Michl
has lent me for which I am very
thankful, and must admit I have
not deserved their kindness. But
perhaps some day might return the
compliments as I am only writing
a short note just now they to be
pardon'd. for not enquireing personally
for the Friends hoping each and all
of them are well and happy as I.
have not in mind forgotten one of them
Both myself and John were much
pleas'd to think that we were
uncles in two places. I have
received a photo of uncle Terry.

for the last twelve months which
I will enclose as I know you will be
pleased to get a look at him and only
wish I could send mine but unfortun-
ately I have none just now

as it is
getting late I will conclude with fond
love to you Father & mother Brothers and
Sister and not forgetting Mr. Michl
& young one. Aunts and Cousins
hoping each & all are enjoying
the Blessings of good health
as I am at present thanks to God

Kisses for you mother
and Sister & last of all
I ask to be pardoned

From your ever
affect. son P. McHugh
To John Michl

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