

From Michael

My Dear brother - I am  
afraid you might be under  
the impression that I felt  
~~any feeling~~ angry on acc-  
ount of your long delay in  
writing, but I know you  
never came to any pre-  
mature conclusions on  
any occasion when at home  
with us, and I hope you  
never will be found to  
abandon these excellent  
qualities. I don't wonder  
at John Patrick being a  
"Real picture" for ~~the~~  
your old associates

Say that you always  
took great delight in  
admiring the beauty  
of the fair ~~see~~ see  
I hope you will <sup>be</sup> sure to  
send us photos of yourself  
and Lizzie and John Patrick  
as soon as you receive this.

In conclusion I send  
you fondest love and  
blessing hoping Lizzie  
and fond John Patrick will  
accept the same, good  
bye for a while and  
believe me my Dear brother  
yours very sincerely  
Michael

From Mother and Bridget  
to their beloved Lizzy

My Dear Lizzy  
Myself and Bridget  
regret very much that we  
have not an opportunity  
of showing you how  
delighted we feel for  
the blessing bestowed  
on our dear and kind  
Patrick in joining such  
a kind and good com-  
panion as you have pro-  
ved to be. I hope you  
will not put our proposals  
on a par with building  
castles in the air when

Dear Lizzy  
I hope you will believe

We say that we have  
hopes of seeing that happy  
day when we can see  
one sight of you and yours  
in old Ireland. I regret  
that it would be impossible  
to expect the achievement  
of your kind invitation  
when you said we would  
"have a happy home and  
there" ~~for~~ but it is a  
cheering thought for us all  
to know that you have  
made the fond family  
circle a happy one for  
our dear & delightful boy