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Dear Father and Mother

I received your most kind and welcome letter in due time I can't find words to Express my feelings and the pleasure it gave me in looking at your Phots for the first time It reminds me of when I last saw you. You can just imagine how pleased we are to see you looking so happy and Comfortable hoping you may Continue so for many years to Come. Poor Father you still believe in the Comfortable Old style of having the top button of your Vest undone. I must Candidly say you both look as young as when I left home I was also pleased to hear you had a trip to the sea hoping it has done you good

I intend in three weeks from now to send your Card to China and have a copy taken on a large scale framed and Painted life like. Very likely in my next letter I will be able to let you know how it looks. I am almost certain it will look well as your Card is such a true one. We were very pleased to hear of Michael Bridget and the Children being well also Honour and her Family and all other Friends and Relatives. I was sorry to hear of Poor Mrs Lyons and William Quinn and trust they may be soon well again. I had a letter from John last month informing me of his wifes Death which took place on the 3rd of Oct. last he did not mention a word about himself or how he was situated I expect to hear from him shortly with fuller particulars and will let you know. I think you have asked me once if Lizzie

was Irish She is a native of Brownstown Co. Kildare Her maiden name Molloy, I dont think you will have the pleasure of meeting with many of her relatives as she tells me they have all gone abroad She has an only sister in some part of Liverpool married but does not hear from her. I only wish you could meet a Father Nolan or Father Brady Both Priests who were Stationed here for the Past six years and left for Ireland early this year Father Nolan is now in Charge of a College in Dublin and Father Brady is in some part of Waterford Both were particular friends and would be able to give you all particulars news about us. When you are writing again let us know if Thomas writes as regular as formerly Many thanks for the papers and your very nice presents which arrived safely I believe Lizzie is going to write

therefore I will Conclude for the present with Love and many kind wishes from Lizzie Children and your ever aff. son

P. McHugh

P.S.

Find enclosed P. office order for £5= for mothers Tea

P.M.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year

(x+++++) P.M.

from John and May for Grand Father & mother