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Dear Father & Mother I  
received a letter from you  
about eight days ago which  
gave me great pleasure to know  
that all of ye. are enjoying  
the best of Health. you need  
not be uneasy about me as I  
never was feeling better than  
at present thank God. You  
mentioned about a large fire  
here as for that we have a  
fire here every other day we  
think nothing about it. I would  
have answered your letter sooner  
But Cousin Winnie was going  
home and she wanted to surprise  
them home. So I did not like  
to write & not say anything about it

Winnie left here on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
sailed from New York on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
on the Steamer Majestic I think  
So I presume by the arrival  
of this letter you have already seen  
her I hope she is home safely  
which will be a great consolation  
to her Father to see her after so long  
an absence Tell her I was very  
happy to hear that she had such  
a lovely time going to N. York.

Myself & all the Folks. are very  
lonely for her. Alas Tell her Friend  
Nellie is better she is going to  
work soon. Tell Winnie her  
Fellow. is brokenhearted since  
she left. The Millionaire.

Father, & Mother I hope ye will  
pardon me for not going home  
which was my Intention for  
the last twelve months But my  
Reason is as I had been so  
fortunate to have a nice Job

During all the bad times  
we had. when several good  
fellows were walking around. I  
mentioned about home to the Boss  
so he would not be satisfied that  
I should leave him at the present  
time. so I thought I would be very  
foolish to leave. Not but it is  
my hearts delight to see each &  
all of you. which I intend to do  
at the Earliest opportunity  
You will find enclosed here  
The Sum. of Five Pounds  
stg. which I send for no other  
purpose than for ye all to enjoy  
yourselves During Xmas In re-  
memberance of me. I trust  
that Mother & Bridget will  
drink a big glass of whiskey  
for me on that night. and I hope  
with the assistance of God  
that we shall all enjoy a happy  
Christmas & A merry N. Year

Now that Winnie is home  
I have not very much to say  
I expect to hear of a good many  
of the Friends getting married  
I told her she would be liable to  
get married before she comes back.  
I am sorry I am not home to assist to make  
the match. I hope sister Honour  
Tom. & Family are well also all  
the Milltown people & my Aunt Mary  
& all my aunts & Cousins, Uncles  
& Neighbours I trust they will  
all enjoy a happy Xmas. I hope  
Brother Michael that you will write  
a long letter to me soon also sister Honour  
It is so strange I will get no one  
to write to me unless I write myself

I will conclude for the present  
In sending my fond love &  
Best wishes to ye all from  
your Affectionate Son  
Thos. McHugh to John McHugh  
Remember me to all my well wishers  
Good Bye. A Thousand kisses  
to Father & Mother