

Dec 14th 1903

Dear Father & Mother, Michael & Bridget

I had a letter from John Godwin and it gave me great pleasure to know that you are all enjoying good health as we are all here at present. I am just annoyed while writing this letter from Tommy saying he is going to write to Grandma. I hope you will all live long enough for him to be able to write to his grandparents. I was glad that Mother received a pair of slippers from John, not for what they are worth but just to have them in memory of him. I feel ashamed of myself for not writing to him this long time. I am not going to delay any longer, I am going to write to him and Patt although I had decided not to write to Patt until he would write to me. I understand from a man that come from Australia, I knew him before he went, he is a horseshoer, that it is a very poor country at present. He was glad to get back here again. I suppose Miss O'Toole and John Connelly will settle down in Ireland now. I remember Miss O'Toole. I suppose she has plenty of money now and the young men will be trying to catch her. I am surprised that Martin & Patt Charles don't get married they would be better off. Mark Flynn was here with us and I did not know him first. He is travelling with the biggest circus in the world. I was very glad he called to see me. I heard a lot of news about people from home. He is a wise young fellow and I give him great credit for not forgetting his poor old mother for she was very good. We had a letter from Delia's home and they were well pleased with the nice letter they had from Michael. I am sure they would be glad to see him. You will find enclosed the small amount of two pounds for you to drink myself and Delia's health and don't forget to give a drink to poor old Mullany for me. Give my best regards to all my aunts, uncles and cousins and not forgetting all the neighbours as they are too numerous to mention. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

From your affectionate son.

Thomas McHugh

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that we are all well. Tommy and little Kathleen are fine. Tommy is always talking of his grandma. The baby is able to stand up with the chair & is a good little girl. I hope ye are all enjoying good health & I am wishing ye a merry Xmas & a happy New Year.

Your loving daughter.

Delia

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with some punctuation, spelling and grammar adjustments.

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