

Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Uncle

A few short lines in answer to your letter which I received a few weeks ago and was pleased to hear ye were all in good health and also to hear that poor Grandmama is getting her health so well. I am so glad. Dear Uncle, I hope you will not blame me for not writing before this owing to the fact that this is our busy season and I did not have very much time. We had a very fine winter here we did not have any snow until a couple of days ago. I had a letter from Martin & Terence a few days ago and I understand ye had a very heavy fall of snow over there this winter which I know is something unusual.

Dear Uncle, Thomas & family are all well and don't mind Kate who is getting alone fine. She is a great Yank by this time and will soon be getting married I think. Myself and Patrick are getting along well. I suppose John is getting to be a great big man by this time. Dear Uncle, I felt sorry when I heard that Uncle Patsy had departed this life and don't mind but poor Grandada. I did not think the night I was leaving he would depart this life so soon, he looked so well. May their souls rest in peace.

I am glad to hear that they have the new house roofed in as I suppose it will give some people's tongues a rest for a while. I was glad to hear of that happy marriage between your next-door neighbour and our schoolteacher as I hope it will be a happy one. As I have no more to say this time I will conclude and finish wishing you all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

From your nephew John Godwin.

Remember me to all the children and also Grandmama. Goodbye.

I will be writing home in a day or two.

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with some adjustment for punctuation and spelling.

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