

Drim Milltown

Tuam

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My dear Son & Daughter & Grandchildren

I received your very welcome letter a few days ago. I can assure you that we were rejoiced to hear that ye were all in good health as this leaves us all at present, thanks to God.

We are also rejoiced that ye are not in want or in the bread line same as good many. I must say that God is good to all my children both at home and there. I think he must hear our prayers for we are praying morning noon & night for each and all of yea.

I also received your cheque & indeed John I did not expect any such thing from you for you have sent a lot of money to us for the last twelve months & you have a big family to see to. Well about myself, I am much improved beyond what I was. I did not go to mass since last November but I think with God's help I will soon. I went to three doctors & none of them could make out what was causing it. Each of them said I was the soundest man of my age they ever _____. Onney told a good few doctors in Dublin about me & I got medicine from there & done no good.

One of the nurses was telling her that her own father was the very same way & that he tried all the doctors in Dublin and done him no good & it cleared away at finish.

If I get a little more courage myself & your mother will go to Galway the next month. You know in lodging houses they don't want anyone that is sickly or complaining & Mary's is too far off so if we don't go it is not money that will stop us.

All the bunch are fine. Freddy is in Tuam still. Mary & the two children was here the week before last. They are two lovely children. I think there will be soon another. I don't hear anything about Julia or Brendon going out there. In this country they only have five week holidays. Nora & the Sligoes are fine, also Tommy & Nelly. Tommy don't want to bother with anything only hard work. We had wonderful heat last week but we have a change. We had plenty of thunder & rain for the last few days.

James Tierney is home again from that country also Willy Mongan. Paddy Sheridan is married in New York. The girl is from Glenamaddy. I don't know her name. With love M McHugh.

Dear Daughter Bessie & Grandchildren

We were glad to hear from you & that you are all in good health as this leaves us all at present, thanks to God.

Will you have lots of company now when they are out from school. Eileen won't be lonesome now when they are home. Myself & Bridget is in good health but the pains are still in my head but not so bad. Freddy is all right. She is in Tuam. John must have the four-leafed shamrock as long as he was not reduced in his pay. I have no more fresh news to interest you but all friends & neighbours are in good health.

I hope the boys & girls won't be laughing at my writing & mistakes.

I remain your affectionate father.

M McHugh with lots of love from all to all. Bye Bye & God bless you all from all to all.

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Transcribed by Margaret Marlow