

Letter from Patt M^cHugh to his brother.

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Dear Bro' Tom

Rec'd your letter yesterday glad you are all well and that you enjoyed your visit to Scotland sorry to hear Mary Heneghan passed away, We called on her when we were home, also Maud (Flannery) Connolly, losing her life. tragic

Is that Bro' Coleman that died I have been visit around with my family, different places, I had not seen any of the Foys in months, I did hear they were going to Ireland to visit, you told me, in your letter that, Ireland

2. was behind the times (you can say that again) if you noticed when I was there, I did not criticise anything that you had or anything I saw, about Eire but let me give you an illustration about the reception myself and priests, received in Milltown, there was not one person, neighbours Friends, or relatives, to meet us and show us we were welcome what happened, did you tell anyone we were coming, did you invite anyone to your house to greet us not (1) one person, stopped at the house, to greet us outside of my sisters, and their families. I wanted you to rent the school Hall and invite, the family, some relatives, and boys & girls, that I knew, and you said none

3. would come, you could offer me your house invite our families, a few others, on the last night we were there and I would really appreciate it I wanted to give you and the family a boost.

Do you know of any other family like mine? when each of them was ordained priests 5, to 6,000 people attended their reception standing four (4) deep on the side walk, for a period of three hours, waiting to get into the hall and kneel down in front of them to receive the Father M^cHugh Blessing.

Now you said Ireland, was behind the

4. times I didn't say it, but I will say, there are no large families, there anymore, population is on the decline,

When I was a boy there, and I met a Priest on the road, I took off my cap, and greeted him on a bended knee, what has happened, did all the young Irishmen die in-vain?

I talked to sister Della on the phone, the other day, and she sounds great,

Renewed thanks for your letter received, joined by Mary and Father Kevin in wishing you, and all the family, a merry Christmas & a prosperous new year,

Love & prayers, to you & yours.

Patt

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow with punctuation, grammar and spelling as in the original.

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