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Harmony Hall
July 19th 1844

(Father of Patrick J. - born 1825)
My dear Thomas

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 5th of last April and I need not inform you that it afforded me great pleasure to know that you and family were then quite well.

As to your friendly inquiries relative to the persons whom you mentioned in your letter, I am happy to inform you, that they are all quite well. And as to myself I am in good health, thank God, and am here at the 4 Mile House in capacity of Curate to the Rev. Wm. Hanly the P. P., who is still as healthy and as active as he ever was - and as anxious to accumulate money as ever. Your son Andrew is now here, and will remain in the country up to the 27th of Aug., at which time he returns to Maynooth (?) College, where he has been for the last eighteen months. He is in good health and has obtained premiums in his classes, a convincing proof of his industry and talent. If God spares him to you and me, he will be a credit to us, and an ornament to the church of God; as I trust he will have sufficient grace to persevere in his holy and pious resolution.

I have said the mass for you and your family and will say three masses more for you. And I assure you that I frequently remember you in my prayers, beseeching the giver of all gifts that he may grant you long life and good health to enable you to support your long and weak family. I sent Catherine and Jane Conway to America last May, and I did not hear from them since. I hope the poor girls have succeeded in procuring for themselves employment. New York was their destination. I have still two children of Conways - Pat & Johny - the former of whom I have bound to a taylor and the other I propose sending next year to a shoemaker. Your daughter Catherine Mulligan has been married these twelve months past and has a young son named Thomas, by her husband who is a shoemaker named Lyons from Cargins or Newtown. Gave them three pounds in money from myself and I hope they may succeed in their business. *Sister of Patrick J.*

It is with much pain and sorrow I learn that you were almost ruined by a villain of an engineer, and that you had such a great risk (sick?) and so happy an escape from fever.

I received Catherine's letter, which formed a part of Patt Lyons's and the poor creature, I am delighted to hear that she is so well and so content. I hope she will take care of herself and if so God will assist her and enable her to realise means not only to support herself, but to assist you and family.

Whatever debts you owe in this country you ought to send a list of them and the names of the persons to whom you owed them, and your son Andrew may and will discharge them as soon as he will have means.

Our Bishop Doctor Burke of pious & exemplary life, died last Sept., and we have got his successor, who was bishop of Galway, but originally a priest of this diocese - only a fortnight since. He is brother to Patt Brown of Clonfad (?) - and a person, I believe, you know very well. There will be some changes in the Diocese by his appointment and I trust all for the better. I don't expect a change for some time. However I must obey if such be the wish of my superiors.

Mrs. Mannion and family are well and as to John Sheil he is now as extensive in farming & praying as old Philip Dignan ever was.

Patt Quinn has five daughters and one son the youngest he is going on admirably with his stock & money. James Quinn is the same old lad still drinking whenever he gets a shilling. Andrew, your son, and I may say myself are teetotalers and nothing can be better for soul or body. Charles Connor is still in Doorty and is very rich and comfortable.

Wishing that this may reach you in good health and spirits and anxious to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am my dear Thomas - your sincere attached and affectionate brother

/s/ Andrew Quinn C C Kilbride
Co Roscommon (?)

Mr. Quinn

(Uncle of George Quinn)?
From Father Andrew Quinn in Ireland to
his brother Thomas in Canada.
(Father of George Quinn)
~~(Father of Thomas Quinn born Mar 23, 1825)~~

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