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Second Letter

Date: 1/23/1910

From: Her Niece Maggie (No return address given)

To: Mary Britt Keenan

Notes: Mary Britt Keenan is the daughter of Thomas Britt and Johanna Kelly; she

is the mother of William Michael Keenan.

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Dear Aunt Mary,

I suppose you think I'm terrible because I haven't answered sooner. But, you know I was working and didn't have time. I'm not working now, though. I've got an awful sore throat. My tonsils are all swollen.

Everyone is well. I suppose you had a merry Xmas and a happy new year. At least, I hope you did. We all had a pretty good time. Birdie had a tree for the baby.

I was down to Aunt Liz's a week ago, Sunday night. Danny had his girl there and Liz was making a great fuss over her. I guess they intend to get married all right. Pat doesn't like it very well but Liz thinks the girl is fine. She's about three years older than Danny.

We haven't seen Mag, lately. Ma saw her right after the funeral. She was disappointed because you didn't write to her. I suppose you are getting used to the place by now.

How are the twins? (William Michael and Joseph Keenan) I suppose they have lots of room to run around now. Does Suzie (the twins' older sister) still sing? Tell her to keep it up. Are Anna and John (the twins' older sister and brother) going to school, yet? I suppose they will have to go to the sister's school there. Tell Uncle Bill not to work too hard, but to take things easy. That's what I'm doing now.

Mike wrote to Ma (Mary Britt's sister) and told her to be sure and let him know when the money was on the way, that he needed it. Tom is still working, getting along fine and Helen and Babe are at school. Pa, of course is working steady, everyday.