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Dear Sister Mary,

I received your long nice, newsy, & interesting letter Wednesday dinner and you may be sure it was well appreciated. I went out last night and got a Washington picture for Miss Miles. The man I got it from showed me a platinum one too of Washington & not being able to decide which of the two I liked best I got both so you can give Miss Miles either one and keep the other for yourself. I did not forget that Tuesday was St. Patrick's day. I could not wear my sprig of green however as it would not be allowed.

The Irish Volunteers always ^{go} to church on St. Patrick's day in a body. I heard

their band playing The Weaving of the Green
on their return from church.

I did not know what piece it was they
were playing until a ^{Scotch} boy who rooms next
door told me what it was. He laughed
at me about knowing it but I never had
heard it. I believe that boy knows every
piece of Irish & Scotch that is sung or written.
I guess as you ^{are} Pres. of W. C. T. U. you
will give me a good drink of wine like
a certain lady gave me Christmas.
What did Mamma say to Mrs. W. about
me drinking that wine.

I would be glad to see Mrs. Free
and if you get a good chance I would
like you to do as you proposed.

I am sorry to hear that "Ebby" &
"Dke" have broken up as I thought
they would make it up.

Where did Mamma get her Irish
potatoes from? How many is she
going to plant?

I guess she got her cabbage plants
from "Jeff."

Bowman & Roy got a large box to-

day & Henry got a box a week before
I got my grub so ~~I~~ we have not
and will not perish.

You say I must be awful big.
I am not a dwarf and yet not a
giant but I have fairly good di-
mensions for one of my age.

At present I ~~am~~ lack just the least
bit of being 5 feet 8 inches high,
I weigh 140 lbs., and "last but
not least" I wear No. 8 shoes.

I looked at two stores last night &
today for underwear and the prices
there for just the common underwear
are more than Mamma said for me
to pay. So I did not get any.

I will close now hoping you will
get this alright and hoping to
hear from you, Mamma & Annie

I remain your loving brother,
R. Emmet Gibbin.