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**TOMÁS BAIRÉAD PAPERS**

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Were you disappointed?

I'm the Kerry defeat in  
all Ireland.

There was a number  
of my old friends from  
Conn + offaly went to  
see it on TV  
new York. I talked  
to me the return of fall  
to me expected to play  
he the replay he had  
to win the should have  
they been

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As always

I am again slow in answering your  
very welcome letter, when I say slow I  
mean slow as I am getting that way more  
every day. I often think that I would  
not hobble as much 30 yrs ago when I would  
have drank as much as a pint of liquor as  
I do now when I do not touch it. You have  
always seemed to think that weight is a big  
drainback. I wish to heaven that I was  $\frac{1}{2}$   
as good now as I was when I weighed well over  
200 lbs I am now about 165 maybe less.  
I always enjoyed Malack Hanly he was a  
great Seagarche. He used to say there was a  
little man boasting there was no man as good  
as a good little man. a big man came along  
& stretched him cold with a wallop "there is no little

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man as good as a good big man & I believe history  
have proved that. I am very sorry to hear of one  
X of my young days boy friend John McDonagh  
X Passed away you know John & me started to  
Moycullen school the same day he did not  
go very long but John was no dumbbell &  
was (as I am sure you know) a very good Irish  
speaker. he was a good man. I was at his  
wedding either 1918 or 19. He had a barn attached  
to his house & Morgan Conneely & me slept in the  
loft when we 1st left home. John have 2 sons  
in Chicago I have been at both their homes Patry  
& Andy. Patry is married to a mayo girl here  
& Patry & children are full of life maybe as John  
had used to say light divilment. Andy is married  
to a girl from Twinee a refined & lovely woman  
& Andy & family are the same. 2 lovely families  
Patry visited here one St Patricks Day he slept in  
my house. Mycesal paudeen <sup>(Starbmailee)</sup> Cauchs son one  
of the Gereaghtys boys & Dool was with him  
they drove here & stayed one night.

x I was sorry to hear of the deaths you mentioned  
 Pateen neels wife I am sure you told which Wabbs  
 family she was but like the rest of me my  
 memory is terrible. I liked Pate's <sup>Wabbs</sup>  
 x he was a nice guy? Was he married he  
 used to have about 3 more brothers, there was  
 Tom, Pete, + Matt. You know, there mother  
 was Paddy Cookes (Doulnacough) sister + Paddy  
 was married to Sals pead up Mairies sister  
 another sister was Mrs Rydow Knockbane.  
 x Say did Killagoola change we used to call  
 them big Dams. You know P. O. Prizyeous  
 John Geogehan (E. J. O'Connell's wife's uncle) +  
 me went up to canvass them on the Sunday  
 before the 1918 Gen election + you know that every  
 man + woman in Killagoola voted for P. O. Mairie  
 on election day. God be with those days, we  
 were young + airy. By the way you mention  
 x Oweney Owen Kyne he was the same age as me  
 you know he was Micky's brother (he was  
 older than Micky) Micky was a section Abma<sup>ed</sup>

in the oghing <sup>to</sup> he says I think I heard he died? what do Owen do now or do he live in the old home. I am sure you remember that old Owen was a R. O too he used to ride a motor bike I think the 1st one in Moy cullen. He was a great man, when he died I heard Father Kewell said it was no wonder he died he was crazy enough to try & roof all that mountain back in Sea Cull, they say the work he did there was mariacleous. I see you still have an interest in the G.F.A. games that was some feat to beat Tipperary the star county hurlers of all time. I get a pretty good report on all the games from the Irish World every week. We even have a report in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette every Monday morning they just give the score. I think I saw in last Monday's Post where Galway beat Kildare in football. ? Do you go to see any of the games in Pearse stadium. X

P.S. I don't want you to forget speaking to papa (not the 5th) <sup>7/10/11</sup> X

Say where do all the Co players come from  
 now is it still North East & West Football  
 South West & some East hurling. There was  
 X no hurling in North in Carl young days.  
 I am sending a cutting from the Irish World  
 it was the news from Co Downmagh I was  
 X wondering if this was Pat Banes son from  
 X Drumavoghane or Banes from Roughwell or  
 X Keagh Patrick's mother was Lahrty from  
 (Killagoola) (my sister Mary used to say  
 that Patch Banes wife Mattie Griffin's mother  
 (Donnell) & Mary's H Emeens wife (Cowan  
 from Reletter were the 3 best looking  
 women in Moycullen). There is a news  
 item from each of the 32 Counties in a  
 page of the J. W each week. You know  
 Mattie Griffin's passing put a terrible  
 gap in my life. I used to see him every  
 where I could go & he drove a car & used

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the result was quite often & being Matt's  
w. ~~the~~ with them the ~~blarays~~ are  
getting pretty feeble anymore Matt  
spent a term in the hospital a short  
time ago but I hear he is doing pretty  
well now, but I hear his brother Paddy is  
in the hospital now. I used to be active  
in the Knights of Equity about 30 yrs ago &  
John ~~Barley~~ was active there then. He left  
Michigan. I think he went to Cleveland Ohio  
He was in charge of a cold ice storage business  
his brother Mike used to drive a truck here & deliver  
them out to the big stores in Dgh. I think they  
had a place in Dgh but the Ft. Os were in Cleveland  
Mike died very sudden a few yrs ago. He was  
married to a girl from Cornamona they did not  
have any family. there are 2 more brothers here  
yet. I met them at Matt's wake they were cousins  
of Matt's too. John was a very fine man & very  
much respected in Dgh. I have not seen him for  
a long time. there was another brother died here  
a good few yrs ago. He was not long in the country then.