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 9th Dec. '38

Dear Mr. Hickey,

 Many thanks for your very kind

invitation to Sunday's meeting, which I very much

regret, I shall be unable to accept.

 Unfortunately for me some weeks ago I

met with an accident which resulted in an injury

to my knee, and I am still confined to the

house. Much as I would like to be with

you all, and to meet P.J. Little again. I must

beg to be excused on this occasion for that

reason. I shall be only too willing to help in

any way I can be of use when I am able to

get about again, and shall be pleased to

hear again from you - say in the New Year -

if there is any job I can tackle. I have been so

long out of harness that most of the people I

know and worked with years ago are scattered,

but this call on behalf of the old Land is one

which no Irishman can ignore, and I hope it

will rally young and old.

 I also hope, and pray, that there shall

be no "partitions" in your Committee, and that the

infernal splits and bickerings which have damned

to many Irish organisations in the past will

find no place in this one.

 With very best wishes for a most

 successful gathering, and a fruitful

 result.

 Yours sincerely

 J. Quealy