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My Dear John

Greetings from the not-so-sunny south!! Thanks for the latest Mitre which was read within ten minutes of coming through the letterbox. Congratulations upon such a well-produced bulletin which keeps alive the spirit of RPP. Each of us in his day and in his way passed through the inevitable and essential Giving to and Receiving from our contemporaries. And doesn't it show when late October comes around?

I should like to pass on (for future publication) the sad news of the death at the end of May of Margaret Craig, widow of the Reverend James Craig who was at St Mike's for several years from '64. From my first encounter, I knew I had made wonderful friends with whom I had numerous meals and the conversations these generated. In her latter years, she was nursed by daughter Kathleen. To the very end, she was chirpy and alert and almost inevitably the school and happenings therein crept into our conversation, laughter and reminiscences never far away! On countless occasions over the years I've recounted to various groups the implausible happenings at the Potteries...and Shakespeare's words echo in the mind:

*The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel.*

Thankfully, I enjoy excellent health. I send to one-time pupils of mine and to Association members my best wishes. God Bless!!

Bill K.