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Dear Frances,

I can imagine how unsettling it must be that the flat is all in limbo, & I do hope it will all fall into place soon. As for the chair, it would be so much nicer if someone in the family could have it - I'm sure Mary Conventy would snap it up!

Weather here has firmly announced that summer is pretty well over & it is Back to School time! Maurice has marked the occasion by getting another lung infection. This came on on the Long Labour Day weekend on the Saturday, so I rang our wonderful Clinic Answering Service & was soon hitched onto a very nice doctor, who listened to my story & then said he would come over & see Maurice! Sure enough in about half an hour he arrived (he was the doctor on call at the hospital) & he organized an antibiotic, & before he left he made a few other phone calls & sorted out one or two other patients' needs. I never would have

thought such a thing would happen. Could it happen like that in Britain on a long weekend?

So today we had to go to see our new doctor at the clinic, so that she could check how the pills were working. Dr. de Mott, our previous doctor, was a long drink, about 6' 6", & has gone to Samoa. Our new lady doctor is minute & very dark & comes from Montreal. She is quite concerned about ^{Maurice} ~~him~~, & we may have to see her again soon, but he has a wonderful way of bobbing back up. Today has not

been one of our best days!

So you will be seeing Sandy & Joa on Sept. 12. That is the day that Ene & her husband are holding a céilidh to which I am bidden. Her sister will be visiting from Scotland (I don't think she still lives at Kilchoae) & other relatives from Vancouver, ^{will be there} who I'm sure also hail from ^{Kilchoan} ~~there~~. Don't you think this is quite a tub of events?

There will be lots of people there & some will play musical instruments & there will be a sing along. I do value my Gaelic fun, they really are a nice crowd.

As I've mentioned already, I am following with great interest the big house (which is to be an abbey, built for 10 people). It is entirely of wood - probably of excellent quality - & has had a very fine foundation put under it, & by the time it is finished it will probably be a very handsome addition to the neighbourhood.

You haven't mentioned anything yet about the feeding arrangements. I imagine you get your own breakfast? And if entertaining a visitor could offer the a cup of tea?

I wonder if you see anything of your Phyllis Hopkins, as it seems you must be quite near her.

Did I tell you we went to
see "Emma" last week, or
recently anyway. It was very
well done & Emma herself was
delightful. Although she is
American there wasn't a trace
of American accent. Within
the last 9 months I have
seen three Jane Austen movies,
all very worth seeing, & back
I saw "Sense & Sensibility" twice
as it was on the ~~plane~~ plane
coming home.

We also don't sleep very well,
Maurice because of his breathing
problems & I can't think what is
the matter with me!

Tomorrow is Sylvia's day - she
has been away on holiday, & I
must confess not too much in the
way of homework has happened
in her absence!

Much love to Jane