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Dear Daddy,

Thanks for your letter and the money you sent. At present we are getting 3 days off from classes so we're all taking a break - getting up later in the morning & doing less during the day. Well first I have some very good news - we are getting home this year for Christmas. As yet we don't know how long but the rumour has it that it will be two weeks. It came as a complete surprise to us as Fr. Terry told us the other night. It was the one thing I found very hard being away from home at Christmas. I don't think ~~there~~ those at Donamon will be getting home so mammy needn't worry too much about the turkeys. I told Fr. Daly to get them to fix it up in Donamon so I imagine ~~you~~ ^{she} will get a reply within the next few days.

I don't know if I told you of the doctor's reaction when he found out I had been attending a bonesetter. I went into him about 2 or so weeks ago & knowing the sort of character the doctor was I decided to keep my mouth shut. However after examining the arm he noticed the improvement & asked me what I had done with it. I had to tell him what I then

about the bonesetter. Well, he turned on me & between attacking the clergy for causing people to go to "quacks" & been the worst offenders, condemning bonesetters as people who know nothing about bones. In time he cobbled down & ended up by saying my arm was perfect now & at least the 'quack' had done no harm in fact he had done quite a good job. I have had no trouble from it since but I have to take it a little easier now on the football field.

Talking about football I was very lucky in going to Brook Park last Sunday to watch the Australians in action. I have never yet seen a team as athletic or as fit as they were - even rugby teams wouldn't match them. I presume you watched the game on television - it was really a great performance. "Red" Collier & his men didn't even know what was happening. It was the most entertaining afternoon I've spent at a football pitch.

I paid a visit to Phemie & Fred Birmingham yesterday. She had a nervous breakdown early in the year so she isn't keeping very well - she was very tense & I think she gets quite a lot of depressions. Fred lost the use of one leg ^{about 3 yrs ago} from the knee down through paralysis - a clot of blood in the brain was the cause for it. He can walk around but has difficulty in doing any

type of work and needless to say she is very anxious over him for fear of a fall - he broke his hand in one last year sometime. They have it been in Fermoy since '64 & she has no great ~~inclination~~ "incline" to go back. Tommy & herself apparently had a dispute over Grel's Will & they never really settled it. She is quite a ~~pleasant~~ interesting woman to talk ^{to} - he hardly gets a word in at all - but depressive, in that she is very critical of Tommy, wife & family, Mrs O'Leary etc. They were asking for you all. I'll probably see them again fairly soon - as they live only about 200 yds. from me. They have a very nice bungalow type house - 4 bedrooms & quite a big garden. Both are retired ^{on pensions}.

I was reading a magazine in Maynooth library it was about townlands near Fermoy during the 12th, 13th & 14th cent. It was interesting in that it said that Renny in Ballyhokey came from a townland there which was called na Rinde around 1150. The last Gaelic King over Fermoy which stretched from Mallow to Co. Waterford was a Tughuine O'Keefe. He died in 1201. During that time Corran hill was called Carrigtierna Hill. In the Fermoy district they were 3 areas of lands of ~~cistercian~~ Cistercian abbey of Fermoy, called Abbeey of De Castro Deica that abbey was founded in 1170 & they had lands near the town. The next area was near Corran & that was called Killcornor which is now Ballynoe ^(Is there such a place near Corran?). That area consisted of 148 acres. There was

are church on it & the ruins of the church are still supposed
~~to be~~ there. It was supposed to have belonged to the bishop
 of Clonme & was let to the Abbot of Jermy at 1 lb of wase
 yearly around the years 1364-1376. The last area was
 called "Rath Siadail and an Corran". The article said "Rath
 Siadail is Rathke Rathcally bordering Jermy abbeylands at
 North side while Corran is modern Stranahall, bordering Jermy
 on the south side (It is Corrine alias Curraghmore - It is
 called Curraghmore in the ^{Pat} ~~Pat~~ Rolls of James I 1620.)"

I thought it was very interesting to see how
 the different names began especially Curraghmore.

The weather here is very bad at the moment -
 real wintery. Bray ~~is~~ looks very desolate with no
 people around & of course all the amusements have closed
 down for the winter.

I don't think I have much more news - Hope Mummy
 & all at home are keeping well. Hope Mummy's leg is alright
 again.

Best wishes to all
 Goodbye & Good Bless

with love from
 Pat
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