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Dear Frances,
I was so glad to get your letter today, as I've really been wondering about you. You do seem well installed & Sandy has sent me a plan of your apartment & the surroundings — I wonder if it is an older house made over into all these flats, or whether they started l scratch?

We too are having beautiful September weather, & for the time being have weathered Maurice's problems. The new doctor — a tiny wee woman of about 40 — does know her stuff & diagnosed Maurice very well. We have had a crash course of stronger pills which did the trick & after today's appointment with her, we are back to the normal regime, & he is having much better nights, and so am I!!! My news for September is really a succession of visits to the doctor & errands to the Pharmasave store, & not much else.

But the Tuesday morning visit to the Potters for Gaelic is a "

for me, & ~~at~~ at this time of
year they insist on us coming away,
with lovely dahlias & luscious
tomatoes, as they have an allotment
which produces more than enough.
Maurice is most appreciative &
thinks I have wonderful friends,
& I agree. I did go to the
c  uldh chez MacPherson, & it
was a most enjoyable evening -
a lot of people I've never met
before; Ene, & her sister & family
from Kitchonan but now living near
Edinburgh. It was a very musical
evening. I left at about 10 pm as
at that time I was very worried
about Maurice, but the evening didn't
break up till 2 am, & as it
was in a house, fairly secluded,
I don't think neighbours would
complain. A girl was going to
step dance, but I learned she
never did because she would
have needed a fiddle to give her
the right beat. I do think it is
amazing that in the twilight of my
life I should be getting such a
wealth of the Scottish culture,

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Ene lent me 2 books by Ian
Hamilton Q.C. who was one of the
group in the 1950's who made
off with the Stone of Scone. He
is passionately Scottish & was
educated at Alan Glen's
School! Their reasons for
wanting to devolute are in many
ways very similar to those of
Quebec, all very passionate &
probably most unwise.

Our Hallmark Society had a
meeting this week, very badly
attended as it was the annual
meeting where new officers have to be
elected & no one wants to get
dragged in; nowadays no one
wants any responsibility unless
they are paid. However they got
through all that somehow, & then
we had a delightful talk with
slides about stained glass windows
& the repairing of them, I wondered
whether Sally Jackson is still
involved in that sort of work. The
lead work needs constant renewal.

I do hope you got good prices
for your stuff at the Auction.
Smaller, apartment-size sofas
etc. should get better prices than
huge over-stuffed sofas that
used to be so fashionable. Most
people nowadays are living in
smaller places. (I sort of believe asleep here).
I do hope you have the odd
Squirrel & watch in your
courtyard, we have lots &
lots of them in the Park opposite
& they are so graceful & busy, &
I hate to think of them being
poisoned off.

Very good luck with No. 27
with sale - it has now been
at the markets close 4 months.
You can at the moment think of
Maurice as being, not cured, but
much better, & we hope your
legs are better now you can rest
more. Lots of love to Jane &
good wishes to Maurice.