

Victoria, BC

Sunday
4 June, 00

Dear Frances,

Continuing our conversation after breakfast this morning (supper time for you), we have now rung handbells at the Presbyterian-Shunt-ins' tea party, which was a very well arranged event - & it would take a lot of people to do that. I think there were about 30 Shunt-ins plus their friends & church elders, etc. so all the little tables were in use & fortunately they talked all through everything we were ringing! I got very wrong & sometimes lost it completely especially in "Land of Hope & Glory" (though I think the trouble really was in the big bells way down at the far end, who miscounted their bars!) As I say, it didn't really matter - we were just background music. And we

I finished up singing "May the ^{Good} Lord Bless & Keep you" which was touchingly appropriate. There's no more bell ringing now until September. If I can, I'd like to stay with both groups as I'm learning from both. On the Saturday we had had an end-of-term lunch party (Presbyteria) at the Princess Mary Restaurant, & finished up with Strawberry shortcake - quite delicious.

I'm so glad you like the garment I sent you. You don't really have to press it when you want to wash it as the creases disappear with wearing. Also I'm so glad you can walk to N. Parade - this gives you a feeling of independence, to be able to get to different shops, & you know that you are slowly getting better.

③ This morning, in order to get everything into my day, I went to the early morning service at St. John's. Even at 7.30 am walking there it was scorchingly hot, & so it has been all day, but after the Bells & Tea party someone drove me home.

I may already have mentioned that I've tidied up my patio, got rid of a lot of junk that was serving no purpose, & resolved all my garden gear into two neat containers. My flowers aren't particularly nice colours this year. If only I'd waited 2 more weeks I could have got such lovely geraniums (a pink-rose colour). But things are in now & they will settle in & spread & look OK. The pigeons aren't quite so bossy just now.

I got a really good speaker for the Friday Forum - a most forceful person who talked about volunteering with young people - Big Brothers & Big Sisters. I've heard very mixed

④ reports on how that can work out. I daresay it can
Sometimes be remembered much more affectionately by the
kids in later years than at the time. Theresa Vogel, our
Speaker, is such a huge jolly person, she would just clasp
them all to her bosom. And sing! We always sing "O Canada"
to start the meeting, & right next to me she belted it out,
like a true Gospel singer which is really what she is,
among other things.

We've just learned that our very nice managers of Goodacre Towers
(our North Block) are leaving at the end of the month, & they are
so good & obliging, this is bad news for us. Their job is very
demanding, as tenants are arriving & departing every month - end
& some leave a pig sty behind them.

Lots of love to Jane