

Pyramido Hill  
Exby 27/06

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My Dear Principal,

With pleasure I enclose  
postal note for 10/- for organ fund of  
Moors College. I must apologise for delay  
in sending it but circumstances hindered  
my doing so before. I trust that the result  
of your appeal will mean a new organ  
for the chapel which I am sure will be  
appreciated by all the students.

I must thank you also for forwarding  
O.C. certificate which reached me safely.  
Be no doubt you are aware I am  
stationed at Pyramid - a parish of "far  
distances". I am enclosing plan of my services  
to give some idea of extent of work. With the  
exception of Pyramid itself the whole  
district has a good tone. My predecessor  
Mr. Hain has done a glorious work preaching  
the "Gospel of the Day" fearlessly. In a sense



I am returning into his labours here & now. Still there is a heavy work to be carried on & a small responsibility to be shouldered. The centres are very far apart. My work for Sunday next necessitates 18 miles driving on Saturday evening - preach at 11 a.m. Sunday then 24 miles across County - preach at 7.30 p.m. & back again at the earliest on Monday evening. At present I am engaged in a house to house or rather farm to farm visitation. To do this thoroughly & to get at close quarters with people I live in the particular district 7 or 9 days at a time. In this work I have had great blessing - God indeed opening a door for His word among the weary & especially there is a solemn joy in bringing them to Jesus" and as much as one wishes for the pleasure of the blessed fellowship of college life, active work is best. The change in my case I am afraid is somewhat marked. On the plains here everything is far apart. It makes travelling very lonely. Three hours in a buggy without meeting anybody is the "regular thing". Still I find the quietness, though so different to the bustle of college life, very helpful. I am compelled to think & meditate - to take time. Outside of that required for my own personal benefit I have not been able to do ~~so~~ much reading. To get a grasp of affairs & to get to know the people I feel is my first duty. My priest's exam does not come off till September next so I think that I can afford a couple of months relaxation from hard study. Canon Ladner is determined that I shall not forget



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whatever Hebrew I learned. He has set  
me the whole of I Samuel for he ~~learn~~ <sup>thanked</sup> me  
I am very <sup>thankful</sup> glad that so far it has not  
proved very difficult although progress has  
not been fast

By the way I should mention that out  
at Appin one of my sub districts I met an  
old Tarnagulla parishioner of yours - Mr  
John Hopkins by name. He has a farm  
& dairy up here now. He entertains ~~the~~ a  
lively recollection of and a deep thankfulness  
for your work in the old district and  
when he heard that I had been under you  
he eagerly asked after you and Mr Jones

He is a staunch worker supporter and leads  
a quiet steady Christian life - his presence  
being of great help to us. He told me  
in no wise was I to forget to convey to  
you Mr Jones his deepest regard

Mr Herring is my next neighbour  
he being stationed at Methuen about fifteen  
miles below me. We are near enough  
to be able to meet every five or six weeks  
and so our college connection is  
preserved. This is a great help to be able to



get together as one is apt to get down  
spiritually by so much seclusion and  
isolation. I often think of the happy times  
that I spent in Moor College. From the very  
first Sunday till the last day of my stay  
here I was out continual uplifting to my  
soul. I have to thank you for much Mr  
Principal for God did use your sermons and  
word & the strengthening of my heart in grace.  
I feel that the two years will not merely prove to  
be the brightest two years spiritually & socially  
that I could have spent but the help received  
during the time in study & preparation for orders  
will be of profit all the days of my  
ministry. I owe much to the College Training

I trust that this vacation has restored you to  
better health and that God may give you  
a prosperous New Year in the dear old College.  
Give my kindest regards to Mr Jones  
Maise & Steve & Believe me to be

Yours sincerely  
J. Kirkby