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And she thought she saw coming over/like lumps of cotton wool; and when she put out her hands they were two white doves, frozen together; two white birds frozen together; and the heat of her hands melted the ice on them, and she couldn't understand that they flew off, and when she was back——But this she only class, as a dream.

"When she woke up she saw a white square over her bed and in the centre she saw the face of---she didn't know who it was, and she discovered from a picture it was St. Theresa; and she spoke to her; she said a couple of words to her.

"She was puzzled at this and she went to her doctor and he told her she wouldn't be ill enough to have any illusions. So then she went to——Took patients to a priest in England, who was supposed to have great power, and he told her that she had the same power that he had and that she was to go back and use it, but that she would probably suffer a lot.

"Shortly after that she took cancer herself, and St. Theresa was supposed to come to her one night and tell her M what to do to cure it, and she got clear of it. She now cures quite a number of people, by touching them with her hands, and she gives them

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water to drink, which is supposed to be just plain spring water.

"I have been with her twice; I don't know how effective it is yet, but she seems a most genuine person. And she feels that she's (been) given this power to use, but she's terribly scared in case people expect too much of her, expect to be cured, and that it mightn't just happen; you know, the people would be disappointed. She seems to me to be a most genuine person.

MJM: Do you have to tell her what's wrong with you?

"No, you don't tell her what's wrong with you. She takes water from a little dish; she puts her hands on your head, and she says a very nice simple prayer, which any body could say.

MJM: And what is it, Bridgie? Did you hear her?

"I'll try and remember it but it's a very humble type of prayer that anybody would say. She puts her hands across your head, and right down, and where wherever you have the pain she gets the pain there (in corresponding position in her own body.) For when instance I said to her the started:

'I forgot to tell you what's wrong with me?8

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## Woman With A Cure

MJM: You know this Mrs.

"She's !

MJM: From where

"From \_\_\_\_\_ (Just north of Newry, Co. Town.)

And she claims to have been given special, the special power of healing through The Little Flower(St. Theresa).

MJM: Aye . She's a Protestant, isn't she?

"She is a Protestant. And she always had a feeling for people that suffered, particularly people who had pains. And she had a dream one night. This dream; and she dreamt she was lifted from her bed and taken out to this field where there was long grass.