

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1939. (Sunday).

Dear Susan & Geoff, Thank you for letters rec<sup>d</sup> on Thursday, probably another will come tomorrow. We have had some very warm weather, & the hedges & trees are all at once green - the lilies of the valley in bud, & my sweet peas coming up in the garden - We went (by bus this time) to see Brian, & found him looking very well & having more freedom - he had been for about a mile in the grounds with one of the attendants & also in the laundry where the machinery was being overhauled & he found it interesting. We asked the attendant if he did not think him fit to come home for a week end & he said he did & would do his best with the Doctors to let him come, & they would write. However we have had no word, but hope perhaps he may come next week. The attendant said he had asked him if he still heard voices & he said no he did not. He also does not talk to himself & takes interest in others. He is very bent on returning to Canada.

Norman Jeanne & Brian Turvey are here for the weekend. Norman seems tired, he says the work never ceases its pressure & he feels it more than he used to do.

Barbara, Harold & Geoffrey have gone to Southport for the day - to see Dr. & Dr. Mills. They will return in time for Geoff's usual bed time. We have summer time today; so put the clocks forward an hour last night. On Easter Monday, Dad, Harold & Geoffrey went to Burton Marsh in the afternoon - it was very warm. They were resting & saw Geoffrey throwing stones into what looked like a small pool, but then he slipped & disappeared from their view. Harold rushed to him & found he was overhead in water - he went in & got him out & they undressed him & wrapped him in a rug & returned home at once in the car. Harold's trousers were soaking wet too - Geoffrey went to sleep in the car & fortunately no one was any the wiser for the accident. We are all very thankful. I was at Church this morning, there

is a very good congregation now - not many  
valant places. Mr. Dalton is much liked.  
Scarlet fever is still about, there are 4 sis-  
ters (grown up) in one house & three of them  
have it, each beginning a fortnight after  
the other. The fourth one may take it,  
two of these are at Clatterbridge fever hos-  
pital. I was at Auntie's yesterday & to-  
day to dinner & have just returned -  
We had sup: lamb yesterday & spring cab-  
bage & today veal, stuffing, bacon, gravy,  
bread sauce etc. Opposite there were  
20 men yesterday setting lettuce (plants)  
they dug up the ground all working in a long  
line & then tinned it & made it into beds -  
They all look very flourishing, there was  
rain last night. Dorothy Stokes is better,  
but Fred not much better. Auntie M. has  
been in bed a few days but is up again.

I found these p. cards in an old album  
& think they may amuse the girls.

I hope all are well. Very glad to hear  
Geoff that you will soon have help  
again. You cannot without damage over

draw on the Bank of Life. The Refugee  
 Refugee Children have now been returned  
 to Spain. They have been here a long time &  
 were - some of them - very troublesome & un-  
 manageable at first. I am very well thank  
 you & not doing too much. One ear is rather deaf  
 & I am thinking of getting the Dr. to syringe it  
 before long. Please thank Amarah for her  
 nice letter. how nicely she has got on in  
 her writing I see she does not now use  
 only Capital letters. I am sorry I  
 omitted the stamps, I don't know how I  
 did it but was sending off several letters  
 at the same time. Barbara finds her  
 help most useful. she is a tall nice looking  
 girl & she does not speak unless you speak  
 to her & then she answers very pleasant-  
 -ly. Her father has been out of work  
 for years.

With dear love from your ever loving  
 Mother.

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