

Sunday. June 25th. 1939.

Dear Susan & Geoffrey, Thank you for
3 letters rec^d. Two came together about Wednesday
& the third on Sat^d was waiting on the floor in
the vestibule. It had just come when I got home.
I am so glad you all saw the King & Queen & had
such a good view - they had a very enthusiastic
welcome home. It is hard on the King that he
stammers, tho' he has had treatment which
has done him good. yet it must require much
nervous energy & make him dread to have to
speak. Poor Kenneth Washington was so nervous
& was at his wedding he could not say 'I will'
& all the Church waited in suspense for
what seemed ages before he could say it.

I hope your glasses will be a great help,
Amaret will no doubt grow out of trying ways,
so after it is just a phase & passes away.

I am glad Barbara is less trying. Geoffrey too
is passing thro' a trying time - not wanting
to do what he is asked, & contrary, but being
sweet at times - he has grown a good deal - he
has not been weighed for some time - he has not

a big appetite. I got back yesterday aftⁿ soon after 3 o'clock. I left Cardiff by bus at 8.30, but had to wait $\frac{1}{2}$ hour at Caernarvon & 20 minutes at Hamilton Sq. station for a train.

Caernarvon has an immense old castle & I waited in the Castle Square where all the buses start. The Prince of Wales was invested with his title at this Castle by the Welsh.

It is wonderful how the people keep the Welsh language - it may be sentimentally right but practically it must be a nuisance - for the children have to learn English but speaking Welsh at home they don't really get to understand English thoroughly. In summer the Churches have to have a Welsh service & then an English one for the visitors. The Irish in the 'Free State' have gone back to their old language ^{now} which is a retrograde movement & means they must learn English as well in order to trade with England or America. They are creating a new Tower of Babel.

It was Beniamin's birthday on Friday. Auntie went to see him on Wed^{dy} & found him very well indeed. I also had a very kind

Letter from Mr. Dalton saying he had never
seen him looking so well. Mr. Dalton took
him some chocolate. He is working out of doors
now. Mr. Cox had also been to see him, it
does him much good to have visitors. We have
had cool weather; the last whole day at Morfa
Bychan was nice & warm & no wind, but the
day we left it began to rain, & here it is quite
cool & only intermittent sunshine. We had tea at
Aunties - they had such a lovely tea all ready for
us - fresh salmon & cucumbers & strawberries & cream.
& Today we all had dinner here - a
shoulder of Welsh Lamb which was brought from
Wales, cabbage, beautiful little new potatoes, gravy,
& gooseberry pudding & custard, & sage pud-
ding. The others got home before 5 o'clock, they
came a shorter way than the mountains & had
no stops except a few minutes for eating sand-
wiches, & as it was wet they had to eat in
the car instead of by a stream on the hill
side. They were practising the air raid warn-
ing last night at 11 o'clock - the siren from

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