


Centurion Drive, Meola, December 18th 1958.

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for letters received on Monday. I wrote you Geoffrey, Carl week for your birthday & hope you rec^d it safely. You are well into your winter, but ours has only begun today when we woke to find the windows frozen in places & a bitter East wind. I went to Church, they were having a special service conducted by Childress, they sang the hymns, read Scripture portions & prayers. in spite of the weather the Church was well attended. Mr Dalton was there & spoke a few words but there was no sermon. It was nice to see so many children. Pollie's brother Charlie died last Monday & was buried on Tuesday. There was service in Upton Church, Auntie & I went to it. Her remaining brother John came from London, his wife is the wife of the famous American. I had a very nice letter from Brian & will enclose it - we go to see him on Wednesday. I do hope the weather will

be different to today - it is the N. E. wind that
is so trying. I am very thankful for the very
warm combinations Aunties gave me. They
do make a difference. Harold & Barbara have
given me a beautiful cyclamen with rose
coloured flowers. Jo Lytle brought Aunties
some daffodils & gave me two bunches of
violets. I gathered about a dozen roses
on Thursday - lucky I did for they would
have been ruined with this wind & frost.

I wonder if you are having a turkey or goose for
Xmas. Norman & Jeanne are bringing Aunties
a goose, they say they are bearing in mind
the dimensions it must not exceed - as the
oven could not accommodate a very big
one. I am giving Beau a wish for
wheels - not a dear one - he has long had a
desire for one. I wonder how Connie, May
Gipin & Charlotte are. One usually sends
a line or two at Xmas time. Baby Geoff is
having a car on 2 wheels from his father & mother
 something like this - he can be wheeled
in it, in warmer weather, or he can

wheel things about in it. He no longer sleeps
out of doors, his grace is now too short & now
that he gets up (or at least wakes) later, he does
not sleep after dinner, but goes to bed earlier,
it suits better for he can now go out earlier
in the aftⁿ & come in before it gets dark.

I take him out every Monday & Friday morn-
-ing & sometimes in between. We were
all here to dinner today. Barbara had
boiled fowl, egg sauce, sausages, sprouts, potatoes
- & Yorkshire pudding. My geraniums are
still very gay in the vestibule, I have been
showing them in newspapers this evening
tho' they are pretty hardy. It has been
very stormy in the English Channel. Seven
days the shames went to try to bring ashore
the Eddystone Lighthouse keeper, without suc-
-cess, but they managed it yesterday. another
Lighthouse keeper is ill in the English Ligh-
-house & another in Scotland - so far they
have not been reached. You will see what
Brian says about Dr. Cox. I am glad they
are able to come to Bickerstaffes for

Christmas. Have you heard any news yet of Mollie or the Poydees? You seem to have a good many volumes already, Geoff. It is very quiet, no one about, the dead boughs of the Michaelmas daisies knock against the window with the gusts of wind. I hope you all had a happy Xmas, & that your family Susan was able to come. I suppose Harold & Sadie would be included. The children would love the stir & commotion & the parcels. Geoffrey would think of the Christmas time of his childhood, when there were five children in the house at Grange Mount. Now all the birds have flown. I use the little holder that Amarah made every day now that I have a fire - I don't need one for the gas as the handles do not get hot.

Well I must now write Susan letters to the Pynes. Agnes has been so kind every week sending different little papers to Brian.

With dear love to all & all from
Your ever loving

Arthur

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