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3 Centurion Drive, Meols. January 28<sup>th</sup>/39.

Dear Susan & Geoff. Thank you for your letters, they come now at the beginning of the week instead of the end. I hope you are all quite well. I have not yet received the material, but will of course forward it but may keep it as you suggest until nearer to Barbara's birthday. We are having disagreeable weather yet, it was +1 degrees in the house this morning & the room gets nice & warm by bedtime!! Anyway we are more fortunate than in many parts as we have had no snow this week & no floods except that some fields have been under water. Auntie Edith has not been well this week, she had pains in her side & back, they have gone & she is better but has not been out yet. The weather has been damp & after raining. Geoffrey has been out as usual tho' he too has not been well - we think he got a chill running out in the garden without his warm woollen overalls on. However he has steadily improved & is full of fun today though



his appetite is still poor. Harold too has not been well, though he has been at business as usual. There are so many ill at present - flu - & you cannot wonder, it has been so damp & cold. Jack went to the Dr. & there is too much sugar in his system - we do not know particulars yet, but he will have to be strictly dieted - he has not been well for some time - having a succession of boils. I had a very good letter from Brian & Dr. Dalton came to see us & he said how much better Brian is - that he would not have known there was anything wrong with him for his face & eyes too were quite normal, & he spoke quite rationally. Dr. Dalton said he may be able to take us to Chester on Wed: in ~~to~~ a friend's car - if the friend is not using the car himself - he has two others of his congregation at the Hospital (patients) & he visits there at intervals. Dr. Drummerley still at the Home, Muriel says they are very worried about her as to what to do



when she is fit to leave as she doesn't live  
alone - she wants to come back to her own home,  
but they know of no one to live with her. she is  
rather difficult to live with they have almost  
decided to let the house furnished for a  
few months, & for her to live with Mauriel,  
then with John, & then with her sister -  
but she does not get on with her sister.  
Refugees are gradually being received. but the  
rules are rather hard - anyone taking a child  
doesn't agree to look after it & pay for its  
food & clothing & school as <sup>they</sup> would for their  
own child until the age of 17 unless claim-  
ed by parents before then. also refugees  
if employed as maids doesn't be paid not  
less than 15/- per week. Well there are  
many families who could give food &  
a smaller wage to a refugee, but they  
can do without a maid, & have been  
doing so, & they could not afford 15/-  
per week & keep. This is so silly, for  
English maids won't come can't be got  
as they prefer other employment so



it is not doing these out of work & many  
 refugees would get good comfortable homes,  
 & they could always leave if not con-  
 -fortable. Brian gives me the Free Press  
 after he has read it - he has it all ready  
 when I go. I have not written many of  
 the old letters yet. I have done a good deal of  
 writing this winter. Geoffrey still sleeps  
 in their room, he is up to bed & the light  
 turned out, he has given up the aft. sleep but  
 goes to bed soon after 5 o'clock. he has a bath  
 every night. I am having dinner at Aunties to-  
 -morrow (Sunday) & also Tues. & Wed. It is  
 Auntie E's birthday on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have got the handbook  
 (Government) for occupations in town time but they  
 dont mention anything suitable for people over  
 70!! Such a sad lifeboat disaster at St Ives, Cornwall,  
 the lifeboat was one that rights itself if it capsizes, but  
 the crew say they prefer the older kind wh. tho' it does  
 not right itself, is more stable & does not capsize so  
 readily - it was a terrible sea. They were such brave  
 men. With very dear love from  
 your loving Mother.

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