

They were a long time reaching home, they found an open
downway & flung themselves down in it for half an
hour. Next morning he found his ship had a warehouse
on top of it but when the debris was cleared away
it was not much damaged. Many people still
come looking for rooms or a house, but there are none vacant -
Everybody seems cheerful & going about their ordinary
daily work. Elizabeth has been very restless at night,
so it is tiring for Barbara, she (3) can climb on chairs
& couch & upstairs so has to be watched - she walks
a step or two & then thinks crawling is quicker.

The cake is very nice & rich so it has kept perfectly -
Sat Jan 4th Frost has come & now we are having frozen pipes
however Mr. Laughey has just been to thaw them out - there was
thick ice in the cistern & very little water - I had a very
nice letter from Brian he said we had better not go to
see him this Wednesday, but to go the following week
when it will be later & we can go by 12 bus & return at
4.30 - we had lately been going by 10 o'clock bus & returning
at 3 - He does not want us to get overdone - so it is very
thoughtful of him. He is so much like his old self. Thank you
for your second letter, I am sorry Geoffrey & Tom have had flu
& hope they take care not to get a recurrence - I had a letter
from Mrs. Barr the day 4 houses are down in their road &
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Brian has rec'd the cake you sent him - I think you should
have received the parcel - I sent you & am beginning to
fear it may be lost - there has been no duty on
anything you have sent - Brian had a nice long

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