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from a tree in the cultivation & planted in the desert behind the house, it was decorated with. nuts & sweets tied in gay <cotton> hankies & oranges. Fifty children were entertained, & after the gifts from the tree were distributed we got them to run races, & gave sticks of sugar cane for prizes. There were races for big & little boys, & big & little girls, three legged races, sack races & tugs of war & the children entered into the fun thoroughly although the methods were new to them & they all behaved beautifully. I produced the magic shells we bought in Falmouth Woolworths & they were a huge success, we could not sail the little camphor boats because there was too much wind, but when the omdahs called at tea time & we entertained them in the terracina (a great honour) I set one sailing in a soup plate, they were very amused.

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Will Father please give the enclosed to M^{rs} Anderson. I wish I could write you a longer description of but our Xmas. but I have about ten "thank you" letters to get off to-day; so many people have sent us sweets. fruits etc. I seem to spend all my spare time writing now. since I have been here I have spent over £2 in stamps Your letter with the balloons arrived yesterday. they are in perfect condition & we are simply delighted with them. amusing little things like

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these give no end of joy out here.

So glad you liked the rat etc.

Lots of love from us all your affectionate daughter $[\Re]$