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keep us in the storm. The Lord is Almighty and we are just as safe in stormy
weather as when the ocean is calm and the weather is fair. The storm subsided
and things were quiet again.

Now I will go to visit Tante Tryntje and have a cup of coffee with her.
When I arrived she was so happy to see me. She is enjoying good health but,
as a know, her walking is somewhat impaired. Recently they have moved and now
live a little closer to Jetze and Manne. Jetze has hired a house for us not far
from where he lives. Altje and Anne will go to clean the house. I have not been
able to see the house. From verbal description it must an adequate big house. When
we settle I will describe it and let you know what it looks like. Jetze and
Anne live near by on a second floor. They also have a good sized house; four
rooms including two bedrooms and a basement. In the basement they have a stove
where they do the cooking.

The men earn good wages and it does not look too bad for us either. When
the children get a job we will be able to make a "go" of it and have a good
future. Altje and Manne are always ready to help me and I need only to
ask. My love to you, dear, and all your family. Take care.