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Taking Communion in English Church?

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Dearest Mamma,

I much fear from your prolonged silence that you have embarked in some vast-scheme of house-clearing or renovating, I do hope that it is not so far I am afraid you will wear yourself out with it - I feel such a wretch to be resting up here while you are working down at home, I do wish you wd be persuaded to be here all that till I come back -

We are still very quiet here in one way, but still see a good many people, we went to tea at the O'Hara's & had a very pleasant evening, I am quite charmed with a Mr Pearson a tutor in the University who came out with Mr Fidler - I saw him before, but he has very much improved - is one of those quiet, shy good men, I think he admires Jane, but I fear it is of no avail, however both there

suggestions are simply my own
idea - I told you about
Barrie Muffate & Sophie being
having spent some days here,
now we have a Mrs. Madelle-
more, who has founded homes
for destitute children in
Birmingham, & has just brought
out a number of them here
to settle them in Canada.
He is about 35 - & very earnest
quite a gentleman & has
beautiful grey eyes - very quiet
& unobtrusive, he is perhaps
going to Montreal for a few
days next month, & I think
I had better ask him to stay
with us - I know you will
like him - On Saturday Janie
got a note from Miss Mather
asking if she might come up
from the news-boys, (where she
was Sunday visitor) & stay all
night so she came & is such a
delightful girl one of Janie's great
friends - Her father has
asked all the news-boys to
spend the Queen's birthday
with at their place there is
to be a grand tea & bonfire
& we are invited & I think it

will be perfectly splendid -
now you will never guess
what I did last night & I don't
know what you will think
when I tell you, I went to
the Communion in the English
Church - Jamie asked me before
if I w like to, & I replied
that I w like to very much
but did not feel quite clear
about it in my mind - However
when I got there I did feel
quite clear about it, It was
^{after} evening service, & that service is
very much nicer than the
morning one - Sophie Bayley -
Barrie Moffatt, Mr Middle-
more, Dr & Mrs W - Jamie & I -
were all together - I felt
that Jesus was there, & that it
was his table, & the grand
building & the surplices & things
seemed so small & worthless
that they did not in the least
hinder my enjoyment of the
"communion of the saints" -
I feel more & more every
day how truly we all in ^{Christ}
are, & though I also hate forms
& ceremony more, they in some
ways seem as of less consequence

I had no letter from Nina last week, did you happen to hear any of the news about her & her poor eye -

Have you ever read that Higher Christian Life by Baer-
man, we have all been full
of it here & had conference after
conference about it; it certainly
seems to be a higher rest & faith
which all may attain to. I believe
certainly we make all things
sacred & noble - I left a copy
at home which William was
to lend to Mary Hunt; when
she returns it - I wish you
would read it; & if you think it
would do him any good I wish
you would lend it to Do D -
it would be a thousand pities
for him to drift off into the
world; I feel quite responsible
for him - though I am very
glad I shall not see him this
fall, & that ought to be quite
time enough to forget his
foolish dream in -
I am in total ignorance
of all in Montreal - please
answer soon my best letter
about the sea note -