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My dear Child

By all means let your mother write to Mrs. Manning at Manor House Little Hampton. She will be very glad to hear from her; & I know how glad she is to have been in any way a comfort to you all.

I wish the Mass were at an earlier hour, & every day, but I am glad that you do not fail to go and kneel before our Divine Master: & speak with Him. It changes, & transforms our mind into His—as living with good people helps us to be good, so daily speaking with Him makes us less unlike to Him.

“Walk before me, & be perfect” is a sure rule of life.

Why did you not like being called ‘poor child’? “Hath not God chosen the poor of this world; rich in faith, & heirs of the Kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him?”

Tell me why you do not like being poor. Was not our Lord poor? I think you used to be [. . .] & happier on Fridays. Do you will for what help & strength, & light & consolation comes from confession?

If you have nothing on your mind go to Communion on Sunday next. I am glad you like [. . .]. Give my kind regards to your Father & Mother; & may God be with you.

Always yours affectionately
H. E. C. A.

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