

I am ornamenting the oak
panels on each side with
a border pattern all round
and a larger design in
the middle - mine is supposed
to look like inlaid wood -
we hope to finish the work
in about a week from now.

When you receive this I expect
I shall be gone somewhere
to the sea or the English
Lakes for a fortnight's holiday
I begin to feel the need of it
a good deal for I have not
been at all well lately.

Next Sunday I am to be
godmother to a dear little
niece who was born the 9th
of July - she is Mrs Dale's
little girl and will be named

St Luke's Church
August 2nd

My dear Mr Barrett

I fear I have been very
neglectful in not writing before &
thank you for so kindly sending
me your nice little book for
children - It has not however been
from forgetfulness but from want
of opportunity. What a pleasant
useful little book it is, and
so nicely got up, I expect you
had a good deal to do with
the publishing - yet do you
know it was half a disappointment
to me to have it because I
fancied it came instead of a
letter which I would rather
have had - I wanted to
know what advice you would

give on the subject so much
in my thoughts - My going
to India as a Missionary
& the Ladies there - I thought
perhaps what you might say
would influence my father
and mother in letting me
go - The great question of my
mind is whether my health
would stand the climate -
I feel that I could risk the
thought of dying out there, but
that it would be more
probable and far worse
that I should return in a
few years an invalid for
life - I wish it could be
settled, but I suppose I must
be contented to wait a

little while - I wonder if you
have noticed the heading of
this letter - My sister Mary
and I are almost living in
the Church - we usually
come early in the morning
and leave about eight at
night, going home to dinner
and having tea in the
vestry - We are painting the
back of the Chancel - My
sister has the lion's share
of work - she is painting
the commandments and
the text "As often as ye
~~do~~ eat this bread and drink
this cup ye do shew the
Lord's death till He come"
she is doing it very nicely

Philippa - She will be a
great pet of mine - You will
be sorry to hear that Mrs
Dale of Warborne has been
ill with a bad finger. It
was a mild kind of cancer
but the doctors thought it
best to take it away so
last Sunday week my
brother Charles cut the finger
off. She is going on well but
still suffers a great deal of
pain, she had chloroform
and took it very well.
Mr. Roberts seems much
better now.

My sister writes with love
in kind regards and

I remain

Yours very sincerely

Philippe Bracey