CHAPTER X.

ADVENTURES OF THE LITTLE ROBINS.

As they walked along, both Mrs. Benson and her daughter continued silent, for the former was greatly agitated, and the latter quite in consternation at what had lately passed. But their attention was soon awakened by the supplication of a poor woman, who entreated them to give her some relief, as she had a sick husband and seven children in a starving condition; of which, she said, they might be eye-witnesses if they would have the goodness to step into a barn that was very near. Mrs. Benson, who was always ready to relieve the distressed, taking her daughter by the hand, and desiring the servant to stop for her, followed the woman, who conducted her to the abode of real woe, where she beheld a father surrounded by his helpless family, whom he could no