

CHAPTER VII.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY.

I HOPED we should have gone to the sea-side again the summer after that visit which I told you about in the last chapter; but Montem's schoolmates, Frank and Percy Wayland, were to spend their holidays at Linwick, a village not far away from our house, and they wanted Montem to join them, and papa thought we might as well all go together, and aunt Mary would take care of us as usual. Lucy Walters was to go too, of course. We nearly always went together for our holidays, for she had no other companions, and I had none either, and we should very soon have been tired if we had not had each other to play with.

I was very much disappointed when papa said we were to go into the country. I did so want to go to Scarboro' again, for we had enjoyed it so much the year before. It would have been so pleasant to see those lovely rock-pools again, and pull off our shoes