

enough to last us upon the way. There were sandwiches and biscuit, and apples and cheese. And besides, I had a new cape and bonnet, which fact, I think, rendered the idea of the journey more pleasant than it would otherwise have been. Willie had a new straw hat, which he pretended to disdain; but since the occurrence of the rabbit I had looked with suspicion upon all his pretensions.

After the thousand and one delays which always attend a journey, we were ready to set out. The farewells were all spoken, the tears all shed. We were to ride in a stage to the first railway-station, and I found enough by the way to interest me, and call off my mind from the pain of leaving my home.

Here, again, may we see the goodness of God displayed, in scattering over the face of this beautiful earth so many objects which tend to draw away our souls from our own sorrows. Even children love beautiful scenery. They love the beautiful flowers which spring up at God's command in the meadows and by the road-sides. They love the trembling dew-drops, sparkling upon the bosom of the meek forget-me-not. They love the little streams which cheerily sing and dance along, now dashing uproariously over the stones, now gently coursing over the clear