children, and as long as your uncle has a home you shall share it with him."

"I know that, dear uncle," replied Violet, "but perhaps I may be a greater help when I come back, as my health may be improved. Miss Ford assured me that before going to school she had been a very delicate girl, but the change has been so beneficial to her, and she is now so healthy and strong that she is not like the same person; and mamma does not want me so much now. I think she is getting better, and nurse can do all she may require."

"But how can you live so far from us, you who never spent a day from home without having some of us with you?" asked her uncle.

"It will be rather lonely, dear uncle," replied Violet, "but then the expense is much less than what you pay Mademoiselle Shelby, and the advantages are greater, so please let me go, and I will try hard to learn all that is to be learned there, and Miss Ford tells me that no one is home-sick, all are so kind and attentive to every wish, and vie with each other in trying to make