

way to Rusholme cemetery, very speedily, which is supposed to be three miles from the City. My brother burst into tears as he felt himself in the cab. On arriving at the cemetery, we went into the church and attended to what the clergyman said, who preached, perhaps, about the funeral and the judgment of Christ, as I cannot hear him. In fact, we left the church and stood mournfully round the grave, and wondered to see a lot of coffins in it. When the clergyman finished, he pronounced the blessing; the gravesman buried down the coffin and shut the wooden vault by means of a padlock and key, and at last we got home.

Before I went to school, I never learned how to talk at all in my life, as my mother tried to get me to school, but not for deaf and dumb. I was altogether ignorant. I did not know how wonderful the works which God created were. I saw the heaven and earth. I thought that trees and plants were growing from the land of themselves. When I was alone, the sun nearly sunk in the hills and appeared at a little distance from the ground; I ran after it, with great difficulty, and tried to catch it, but in vain, and it became wearisome, as I could not catch it. I thought the sun and moon were living, and could see me as I passed along. I thought the sun always moved round the earth, and that the earth never moved. I wondered to see the sky, and thought that the smoke which rose upwards from the chimneys made the clouds. I thought that the water in the sea fell from the sky. I continued in this state till I was sent to the Deaf and Dumb Institution. Before this I never had any satisfaction in conversing with my friends, though they could understand me, and I could comprehend them in many things; but oh! how ignorant and destitute of wisdom was I. It was impossible for me to gain knowledge in any position. At this time, when I was between six and seven years of age, good Miss Greaves came to my parents and spoke about the Institution, and how the deaf and dumb could be taught by signs to read and write, my parents were glad to take her advice, and promised to send me to school, and, not many days after, I was furnished with new clothes and sent to the Institution.