

Jane's beloved teacher Miss Temple has moved on from Lowood, and Jane has lost her only reason for remaining at the school. She is restless and longs for change. But, her humble means and abstemious upbringing do not allow her to dare hope for or to expect anything so wonderful as Liberty, Excitement, and Enjoyment. These ideas are hollow dreams for Jane, wholly unattainable in her mind. However, she does eagerly anticipate a chance to serve elsewhere, at least to serve in a place of her own choosing. Her lack of knowledge of the outside world makes it difficult for her to know what to do to attain a new position, though. To the modern reader, Jane's eager anticipation of so limited a future seems pathetic and sad, since she has been enduring much injustice and personal grief up to this point.