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The synopsis of contents, herewith given, will be sufficient evidence of the propriety of the plan adopted, and will show that the pruning knife has not been too mercilessly used.

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