

The Strait Gate

its early as may be

~~Before we do anything else this morning, let us look~~
~~for a minute or two into the nave of the cathedral: a minute~~
~~a two will be really enough for all we have to do~~ I am
going to say - entering by one of the side doors; but one
which perhaps might not strike you unless you were ^{looking specially for it}
can't do anything else. ~~For there are no transept doors; and~~
~~one never thinks of entering by the north front~~
wonder, ^{would} ~~is~~ ^{it} ~~the~~ ^{desolate} ~~look with~~

From either of the ~~four~~ side doors, a few paces will bring
you to the middle of the nave - and to ^{post-opposite} the middle of the
third arch from the west end: - where you will find
yourself - if ^{well in the mid-nave} ~~assumedly~~ ^{central}, standing on a circular slab of
green porphyry, which marks the former place of the grave of
the bishop Zenobius. The large inscription, on the wide
arch of the floor outside of you records the translation
of his body; ~~to the~~ the smaller one round the slab
at your feet: "quiescamus, domine hanc gravem adimus

ultimam." - is a painful truth I suppose - to travellers
like the ^{is} English who ^{are} ^{never} ^{rest} anywhere ^{if} ^{we} ^{can} ^{help} ^{it};

- ^{Resting} ~~stopping~~ here, at any rate - for a ^{few} minutes, look up to
the white, ^{washed} vaults of the compartment of the roof next
the west end.

~~With little effort of fancy, looking at it~~ ~~freely~~

~~Nonetheless~~ You will see nothing whatever in it worth looking at
Look a little longer

But the longer you look - the less you see why I tell you
to look? - It is nothing but a whitewashed ceiling
vaulted indeed - but - so is a ^{massy} ^a tailor's garment window
for that matter - indeed - now that you have looked
and are used to the look of the ~~ceiling~~ ^{it} becomes so small that you can almost
reach for a minute or so - you can ~~call~~ ^{call} ^{fancy} it
~~very little more than~~ the ceiling of a good sized lumber room
in an attic