



GRACE MORTON.

CHAPTER I.

IN a large room in Madame Giatto's School sat a group of girls of all sizes and ages, eagerly discussing the arrival of the last new comer. It was at the beginning of a new school year; some of the old pupils, with a sprinkling of new ones were assembled, and by the tone of their voices, it was evident that the last new comer had occasioned considerable interest, not only by her handsome attire, but also by her stately and commanding manners. All surrounded Minnie Davies, one of the older pupils, to listen to her animated description of Grace Morton, who had arrived only a few minutes before, had been received