

Valley
Belcour

CHARLOTTE TEMPLE.

CHAPTER I.

A BOARDING SCHOOL.

“ARE you for a walk,” said Montraville to his companion as they arose from table; “are you for a walk? or shall we order the chaise and proceed to Portsmouth?” Belcour preferred the former; and they sauntered out to view the town, and to make remarks on the inhabitants, as they returned from church

Montraville was a lieutenant in the army: Belcour was his brother officer: they had been to take leave of their friends previous to their departure for America, and were now returning to Portsmouth where the troops waited orders for embarkation. They had stopped at Chichester to dine; and knowing they had sufficient time to reach the place of destination before dark, and yet allow them a walk, had resolved, it being Sunday afternoon, to take a survey of the Chichester ladies as they returned from their devotions.

They had gratified their curiosity, and were prepared to return to the inn without honoring any of the belles with particular attention when Madame Du Pont, at the head of her school, descended from