

tures; therefore when out of three children only Grace was left (the other two a boy and girl had died young, and it was partly owing to their being left to the care of hirelings that they came to early graves), he resolved that this his only darling should receive some useful training; but it had been so hard to part with her, that year after year had passed, till Grace was nearly sixteen years of age before her father could carry out his long cherished resolution.

"We will do all in our power to make her happy," said Madame Giatto, "although at first some do not like our rules, but after a time it becomes a pleasure to learn, and we spread so much home influence here, that when many of our pupils leave us they do so reluctantly; and I hope we shall prove it so in your daughter's case."

Thus a little comforted, Mr. Morton rose to go, Grace being called in to bid her father "good bye." On entering the room, the Lady-Principal withdrew, leaving father and daughter alone together. "Oh father," were the first words of Grace, "do not leave me here; they tell me I