

ladies will be so rational, that those who have not had the advantage of a convent education, will be in danger of expiring with ennui.'

'The ladies are much obliged to you for the compliment, said lord Dudley. As for me, I think their rationality, as you rightly term it, extremely interesting; however, Augusta, say where we shall go, or your poor cousin Edward will actually lose his spirits, which would be a sad disaster.'

'To prevent so melancholy a catastrophe, said lady Augusta, I will endeavour to think of something that may contribute to his entertainment. But have you forgot, brother, that we are on our way to visit lady Delancey, and only called en passant, to take up Miss de St. Louis and our cousins.'

'I had, indeed, forgot, said lord Dudley; but what say you, cousin Edward? will this suffice to keep your spirits alive?' Edward made no objection, and they set out together for lady Delancey's. On sending up their names, they were ushered into a room, where sat her ladyship, with three ladies, whom neither of our party had ever seen before. The eldest of the three strangers seemed about five and thirty, had the remains of a fine countenance, and appeared extremely agreeable. The young ladies were handsome, and very interesting.

The conversation soon became general, and the strangers seemed to possess a fund of information. Adelaide and Charlotte said little, but seated themselves opposite the strangers, observing them with great attention, and apparently listen-