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CHAPTER I.

DREAMS.



THE Misses Warner's establishment for the board and education of young ladies was breaking up for the session. The examination had been a brilliant success, the pupils having acquitted themselves to their own credit and that of their teachers. Many of the boarders had left for home in the afternoon of the last day of school, but those who had a long journey in prospect remained another night, and early on the morrow The Elms would be deserted by pupils and teachers alike.

In one of the bedrooms four girls were grouped about the window in the fading evening light, watching the darkness stealing over the moor, to