

book, was her absence from her family ; she would so arrange her task, that she would only be away six or eight weeks at a time. In this way she could assist her family and keep her children at school.

CHAPTER XLV.

SABRA'S LETTER TO HER DAUGHTER.

This letter was given to Ordellia by her mother, as advice to her when she left home to attend school. It was the closing chapter in the first edition. It may be the language of many a pious mother :

“MY DEAR ORDELLIA,—My eldest daughter, you are about to leave your parental home, that you may more effectually climb the hill of Science ; you may continually be ascending, but you cannot reach the top. No person ever obtained the summit of knowledge. We only commence in this world what eternity may finish. It has always been our aim to have you acquire an education ; yet I feel more anxious for your moral and religious culture. No toil has been spared by your mother, to teach you, in childhood, the duty you owe to your Maker and Preserver, and to your fellow beings. Be kind and affable to all ; be particularly respectful to the aged and infirm, treat them as your superiors ; always choose the virtuous and the good for your associates ; never countenance vice. Never circulate an evil report ; remember, if you repeat a