

"Be sure and inter those precious remains with due solemnity," and then sauntered off whistling carelessly.

His steps were suddenly arrested by the sight of a young girl approaching from an opposite direction. He seemed anxious to avoid meeting her, but she saw him, and calling out,

"Oh, Donald ! is that you at last ?" hurried towards him.

The young gentleman stopped, saying in a tone of surprise,

"Why, Bertha, what brings you here so early ?"

"Papa says you may saddle the ponies and come with me for a ride this morning ; and I was in such a hurry to get away that I could not wait for you to return. I started off on a journey of discovery, and you see what success has crowned my efforts."

"I am afraid your zeal has an unworthy object," Donald replied ; and the expression