

mak me very dootful if I could judicially swear that he canna deport himself wi' sufficient sagacity."

"But," said the advocate, "did not you yourself advise Mr George Walkinshaw to institute these proceedings?"

"I'll no disown that," replied the doctor; "but Mr Walter has since then done such a humane and a Christian duty to his brother's widow and her two defenceless and portionless bairns that I canna, in my conscience, think now so lightly of him as I once did."

Here the jury consulted together; and, after a short conference, the foreman inquired if Mr Walkinshaw was in court. On being answered in the negative, the Sheriff suggested an adjournment till next day, that he might be brought forward.