

use talkin' about being willin' when I have'nt anything to do it with."

"But if I furnish the money, you will not have any objection to him pursuing such a course, provided Tommy himself is willing?" Bertha questioned, anxiously.

"No, I don't know that I have," he answered. And after a few more remarks he took his leave, saying to himself, that if ever there was a saint on this earth, Miss Bertha was one.

"I'm going away, Miss Bertha," Tommy said, on the occasion of his next visit.

"Where to?" Bertha asked.

"Down to 'Squire Morgan's, to mind his sheep; but I'm only going to stop a week. I wouldn't go, only daddy wants me to."

"You must do what your father tells you to; but I'm sorry you are going, Tommy," Bertha answered; for she thought she might never see him again. "You will be sure to