

LESSON XXI.

(PART II.)

ad-mi-ra-ti-on

tempt-ed

phy-sic

clus-ters

con-fess-ed

dis-pleas-ed

strug-gled

fin-ish-ed

re-mem-ber

temp-ta-ti-on

gra-ti-tude

el-dest

At length the work was finished, and Willy and Catherine prepared with delight to take it down to Mrs. Benson's. Catherine, before she went, put on the potatoes to boil, and placed a mug of cold water by her mother's bed-side; both then bade her good bye, and eagerly set out on their walk. When they reached the house, they were told by the maid who opened the door, that her mistress was out in the grounds, and the house-keeper in town; but she added (observing their dismayed looks), "I dare say if I can find my mistress, she will come in and speak to you, that you may not have to go home again; you may wait in the hall while I go and find her." So saying, she shut the door and went out.

The children, as soon as they were left alone in the hall, began to examine its contents; they were first attracted by the pictures which were hung round it, and Willy was in full admiration of one when he heard his sister exclaim, "Look here, Willy; look what I have found." Willy turned round and saw his sister standing before a large hamper full of clusters of green and purple grapes; this sight was even more attractive than the pictures, and the children stood gazing on them for some time. "Oh! dear" said Catherine, with a sigh,