

LESSON 131.

Study the picture of Grace Darling and her father, the waves, the boat and the two figures in it. Then read and discuss the story.

Grace Darling lived with her father at the Longstone Lighthouse, Farne Islands. On 7th September, 1838, the "Forfarshire," a vessel with sixty-three persons on board, was wrecked on the Islands. Most of those on board were drowned before the wreck was observed from the lighthouse. The waves ran high, but Darling and his daughter determined to try and reach the survivors. They knew that, even if they succeeded in reaching the wreck, they would be unable to return without the assistance of the shipwrecked crew ; but they took the risk without hesitation. Their daring, strength and skill enabled them to reach the wreck and they brought back four men and a woman to the lighthouse. Darling and two of the rescued men then returned to the wreck and brought off the four remaining survivors. This gallant exploit made Grace Darling and her father famous.

Write the story of Grace Darling.