

its purpose; and in the way of denying improper requests, or administering correction, can inflict pain on the objects of its affection, whenever duty requires such an exercise of beneficial severity. Want of this disposition, of this fine and noble quality, how many have ruined their children for ever by indulgence!

ii. Varied information and extensive knowledge. Parents should be able to direct the studies, to answer the inquiries, to correct the mistakes, to regulate the pursuits, and, in short, to superintend the general instruction of their families.

iii. Unvarying and inflexible consistency should be exhibited to all whom Providence has placed at the head of a household. They should be not only excellent, but *consistently* excellent.—Unbroken uniformity should reign over the whole character: nothing contradictory, inexplicable, or irreconcilable should ever be seen.

Let all who are likely to become parents look at this picture, and learn how they are to prepare for the performance of their duty: and let those who already sustain this relationship, correct their errors, and supply their defects by this rule.—*The Family Monitor.*

RETAKING THE PLEDGE;

OR,

THE ERRING HUSBAND AND THE AFFECTIONATE WIFE.

A lean, pale, haggard-looking man advanced to the table at which sat the patient and good-tempered secretary to the Society, and asked if his reverence would be in shortly. A pretty, delicate-looking young woman, very scantily clad, but perfectly clean, was leaning over his shoulder as he asked the question. "I think I have seen you before, my good man," said the secretary; "and not many weeks ago."

"It was more his brother than he, sir, it was indeed," answered the haggard man's wife, courtesying, and advancing a little before her husband.

He interrupted her: "Don't try to screen me, Nelly, good girl, it's I. God knows, Nelly, I don't deserve it from you. See the marks I beat her last night, gentlemen, on both arms, like a brute. It was."

"It wasn't you, dear," said the young woman, drawing her thin arms more closely over her bruised limbs: "it was the strength of