

command the same respect and esteem from the children, as the mother does. From their birth, they are under the watchful and tender care of the mother, 'tis you that ministers to their wants; 'tis you that shares their joy, and grief; 'tis you that watches over them in health, and in sickness; 'tis you that catches the first accents that fall from their lips; 'tis you that teaches them to lisp their first prayer; then do not neglect to impress upon their youthful minds, the dangers of the intoxicating cup; teach them to shun it, as they would a poisonous serpent; teach them that death and destruction lay at the bottom of it. Oh mothers! can you, will you bring a curse upon your own soul, misery and woe upon your children, by following the usages of society in tempting them with the ruby wine? Remember, the first glass you place in their hands, may be the means of creating a craving appetite, that will plunge them into a drunkard's grave. Young Ladies, remember that noble heroine, Grace Darling, who at the risk of her own life, ventured out on the tempestuous sea, in an open boat, to rescue her fellow creatures from a watery grave, are there not thousands of poor souls this day who need a friendly hand extended to them to save them from a far worse fate than a watery grave? There is a dark and turbid stream making rapid progress through this your native land. Can you not seek to arrest it in its course? There are human souls adrift upon it, and unless you reach them before they come to the roaring cataract, they will be forever buried beneath its seething waters. Will you not launch out on the ocean of life? Why should you fear the rocks and shoals that lay in your track, or the howling winds and breakers that threaten you? Take God for your pilot; the bible for your chart; you will ride safely through the storm, and finally bring those shipwrecked souls into the haven of rest. I do not believe that all drunkards should be condemned, or yet treated with con-

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