

learn, had returned to the town, and had become as one alive from the dead. Two of his daughters had remained there, supporting themselves by the needle; and through the influence of that good man, Mr. Littlefield, had been instructed in the truth; and admitted to the church. Their father, after utterly exhausting the forces of soul and body in dissipation, returned to live out of their earnings. This was his salvation; for these good daughters set about the work of his reformation in good earnest, not only inducing him to take the temperance pledge, but insured his keeping it by perpetual watchfulness, till his constitution of body and mind underwent a radical change, and he too had become a Christian and a church-member. He had been originally bred to the tailoring business, and had now become the Mapleton tailor, and one of the most prosperous mechanics in town. This man's visits were a real comfort to Mr. Douglass.

"I, Mr. Tooney," he would say to him, "get nothing out of the alcoholic wreck but the soul, the principal part. But what a miracle of grace, that you should get both soul and body!"

"It's marcy! marcy, all marcy!" said Tooney, with the tears of gratitude glistening in his eyes. He protested that his life was for the most part a blank; that he had no recollection of beating his wife to death, and that his resurrection was like a dream to him, or like an event which had occurred in another planet. Thus our country is full of madmen at large, and will be, till a stringent legislation places the cup beyond their reach, and restores them to sanity.

When put upon his trial, Douglass insisted, at first, that he would plead guilty. The fact was clear that he had killed his son, and why should he deny it?

"But that does not make it certain that you are a mur-