



BILLIE FAIRFIELD'S PROMISE

When Billie took the milk to Mrs. Seldon one morning and she asked if he would bring another quart that night, he said, "Yes'm" promptly—and then never thought of it again until he was in bed.

"Well, I can't take it now," said Billie; but he could not go to sleep, although he turned, tossed and twisted until he was weary. At last he went to the head of the stairs and shouted: "Mother!"

Mrs. Fairfield had just threaded her needle, and stretched a stocking with a big hole in it, over her hand. She said, "Oh, dear!" but went to see what Billie wanted.

When Billie had told her, she said quietly, "You'll have to go now."

"Oh, Mother! I can't go away up there alone."

Mrs. Fairfield knew that, for Billie had never been out alone at night. His father had gone to bed downstairs with the baby, and if they asked him, the baby would awaken, too; so Mrs. Fairfield thought for a minute. Then she said:

"We'll see. I'll have the milk ready when you come down."

When Billie got into the kitchen, his mother stood at the door with her cap and shawl on. Billie began to feel ashamed. He wished he dared to go alone, but he did not, for it was a lonesome road. He took the milk, and they tramped over the snow, up the long hill without speaking a word to each other. The wind blew in their faces, and Billie's ears were cold; but he had the milk can in one hand, and pulled his sled with the other—so there was no way to warm them. He was ashamed to ask his mother to carry the milk.

When Mrs. Seldon opened the door she exclaimed:

"Why, what made you come away up here tonight? And you, too, Mrs. Fairfield! It's too bad. I could have gotten along somehow without the milk."

"But Billie promised you," replied Mrs. Fairfield. And Billie wished that nobody would look at him.

"It didn't matter, she said, Mother," Billie urged, when they were returning home again.

The wind was to their backs and now Billie's ears were warm.

"The 'matter' was your promise," said his mother. "Would you break a promise just to keep from having to walk up to Mrs. Seldon's?"

Billie made no answer, for he was ashamed again. Presently, he asked his mother if she would slide down the hill on the sled. Mrs. Fairfield laughed; but she tucked herself up on the front of the sled, while Billie hung on behind; and they slid down the hill to their own yard, where Billie skilfully steered the sled in. His mother praised the way he managed his sled—but Billie was still uncomfortable.

"Why don't you say something to me,

Mother?" Billie said, while they were warming themselves at the big coal stove.

His mother smiled at him, saying, "I'll tell you how you will be punished, Billie. It's too late to finish mending these stockings tonight; so I'll mend them tomorrow, when I was going to make a cottage pudding, and there will be no pudding for dinner."

Billie and his father would just say "cottage pudding" for a long time afterward if anything was in danger of being neglected or forgotten. When Billie had grown to be a man, and people said, "Just give me Billie Fairfield's word; that's all I want," Billie would smile and say:

"Yes, my mother taught me to keep my promises."—Sunday School Times.

GIFTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Offering at Riverside Camp	\$170.00
Woodwards Cove	17.00
Seal Cove	200.00
Seal Cove (for Native Bible School)	492.20
Presque Isle	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Ross (For Native Bible School)	50.00
Seal Cove Missionary Society	75.00
Friends and Loved ones (Eugene Wilcox)	100.00
Lower Brighton	15.00
Farewell offering Eric for Haywood, at Fredericton	84.32
Fredericton	100.00
Crawford	35.00
From Eric Haywood's Itinerary	486.65
Moncton (For Ermalo Project)	300.00
Moncton	200.00
Friend from North Head	32.50
Mens' Bible Class, Fredericton (Native Worker)	50.00
Moses Hillman	20.00
Head of Millstream	15.00
Hartland	80.71
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan (Bible School)	50.00
Blacks Harbour	100.00
North Head	14.00
A trusting sister in Christ	5.00
Wood Island	18.00
Barkers Point, Sunshine Class (Native Worker)	25.00
Friends at Amherst	20.00
Salem	30.00
Killams Mills	6.00
Lower Brighton	40.00
Marysville	100.00
Seal Cove	250.00
Beals (In memory Mrs. Roxina Sabine)	10.00
Calais	30.00
Seal Cove S. School (Native Worker)	100.00
Seal Cove Childrens' Meetings	35.43
Beals	200.00
Royalton	43.00
Woodstock	100.00
Moncton	100.00
Halifax (For Paulpietersburg)	\$300.00
Saint John	61.00
Sandford	100.00
Marysville	100.00
Barkers Point	70.35
Mrs. Frank Clark	30.00
Bloomfield	30.00
Blacks Harbour (Memory of Wm. Hooper)	10.00
Crystal	30.00
Wood Island (Mosobotshini)	24.25
Presque Isle	50.00
Mrs. Manning Mullen (Native Worker)	20.00
St. John Missionary Society	20.00
Seal Cove (For Bible School)	250.00
Mrs. Manning Mullen (Native Worker)	20.00
Mrs. Allen Nason	7.00
Old Town	5.00
Perth Church	50.00
Killams Mills	25.00
Mrs. Vernal Woodward	20.00
Fredericton	100.00
Friends at Amherst (For Bible School)	20.00
Brazil Lake	25.00
Seal Cove Miss. Society	104.00
Miss Martha Thurston	30.00
Westchester	45.00
Halifax	150.00
Mrs. Manford Pitt	2.00
Presque Isle	25.00
Phillip DeMerchant	10.00
Truro	40.00
Greys Mills	30.00
Woodwards Cove	40.00
St. John	15.00
Marysville Men's Class (Native Worker)	28.00
Bristol	20.00
Havelock, N. B.	14.00
Havelock, N. S.	37.50
North Head	24.00
Beals	200.00
Presque Isle	25.00

OBITUARY

Funeral service of the late George Moses was held at the home of his son, Harry Moses, Black's Harbour, on January 11th. Interment at Black's Harbour cemetery. Our Rev. Joseph Moses, of Jonesport, is a grandson of the deceased. The service was conducted by Rev. F. A. Dunlop, assisted by Rev. W. H. Ring. Mr. Moses was ninety-five years of age.

F. A. Dunlop

Funeral service for the late William Hanley was held in the Pentecostal church at Back Bay on January 21st. The service was conducted by Rev. William Paisley, pastor of the church, assisted by Revs. W. H. Ring and F. A. Dunlop of Black's Harbour. Mr. Hanley was thirty-four years of age and leaves his wife, five young children, his parents, and several brothers and sisters.

Our deepest sympathy to these bereaved ones.

F. A. Dunlop

The death of Mr. Harley Hicks occurred at his home near Havelock, N. B., January 7th. The funeral service was conducted from the United Baptist Church, Havelock, N. B., by Rev. Mr. Garner, assisted by Rev. R. Morehouse. He leaves to mourn, his wife; three daughters, Miss Hilda Hicks, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. A. D. Cann; and seven sons, Rev. Bert. Hicks, Rev. Stirling Hicks, Rev. Leslie Hicws, Lee, Floyd, Gordon and Cecil.

R. Morehouse

WEDDINGS

Bryant - Brown—At the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Black's Harbour, Melva Glenetta Brown and Alain Vernard Bryant were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. Fraser Dunlop.

Justason - Cook—On the evening of January 22nd, Beverly Patricia Cook, of Black's Harbour, and Paul Franklin Justason, of Pennfield, were married at the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Black's Harbour, by Rev. Fraser Dunlop.

Barkers Point, Ladies' Class (For Native Worker)	25.00
Grand Harbour	40.00
Killams Mills	10.00
Maple Ridge	32.08
Gordonsville	25.00
Sussex	20.00
Hartland	55.00
Wood Island	13.00
Moncton	400.00

GIFTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Friends:

The above list is a record of gifts for Foreign Missions from September to February 1st. It is a long list and we are deeply grateful to all who have contributed. But our receipts fall far short of our obligations. Will you please rush your offerings to the treasurer before March if you possibly can, as we have not sufficient to pay our next quarter's salaries. Some of our churches give very generously, not only toward the general missionary budget, which covers salaries and running expenses only partly, but also toward those special enterprises which mean extension of our work. Let me urge you to do all you can toward our general budget during the next few weeks. I am sure that a vision of whitened harvest fields will incite us all to more generous giving.

Yours in His Glad Service;

F. A. Watson,
51 Carleton Street,
Saint John, N. B.