

Incidents, 1897

Nov 20th.
Rev J. Cole, Curate of St George's Millom, addressed Band of Hope, B.C.N.S. Room.
Anna Jane & Mr went to W. Stony, Nov 15th Had to wean child from breast.

Great fire in London Nov 19th 1897. 5 Million Damage.
Countess of Lathom killed by carriage Accident Nov 23rd.

Rev A.E. Jasceloyne ordered away for rest Nov 27th.
Signed a Paper, or note of Hand for Jas. James Nov 27th.

Mr Sneath's Daughter died, December 1st. Aged 19 years.
Revs Mundy, Reed, & Gilbert, went to Coniston on Wednesday Dec 1st.

Tom Pascoe had a letter from J. Wearoe, in Montana Dec 2nd.
Millom Crop Dividend Paid out on Monday & Thursday Nov 29th & Dec 2nd.

Tom Oates came home on Nov 27th 1897. from Africa.
Wm Billing (Sr) chosen to help J. Harriner as Society Steward Dec 1st 1897.

J. James was chosen Secretary of Quarterly Meetings for 12 months. Dec 4th 97.
S. Dridge & J. Harriner, Deputation on B.C. Choir as to W.C. Harris's resignation Dec 5th.

Mrs Lewthwaite sent 10/- instead of opening Bazaar on New Year's Day 98.
Sam Lyson, badly lamed in Quarry Dec 8th 1897.

Bought Draw Tickets at R. Kitchin's Dec 7th 2 for self, 1222.
One for Duke. (1225) was nearest number.

Bought Draw Tickets at R. Kitchin's, for Joe Sharpe & J. Proctor Dec 9th 3^d each.
Bought a Packet of Note Paper of R. Sprague, Dec 11th (9 1/2)

The Society Steward read notices after the Dec 4th Quarterly Meeting held at Millom.
Mr J. Richards Draper gave £2 instead of opening Bazaar New Year's Day 1898.

G. Mudge's Musical Concert in Cator Hall at 8 Sunday Evening Dec 12th 1897.
Jas Mitchell (Senr) shifted to 64 Newton St on Friday Dec 10th 1897.

R. Gill's milk was taken to analyse on Monday Dec 13th.
P.C. Pennington had (gold medal) presented to him for bravery Dec 6th 97.

Mr Seward's men came to Millom with Boiler & pipes for Apparatus Dec 13th. Fixed Dec 23rd.
J. Mason started Confectionary, in Dec month 1897.

Millom Fat Stock Show on Tuesday Dec 14th. Had ticket of Miss Coley.
Christmas Eve Dec 24th 97. (Beef from Jas Lyson.)

H. H. Hochaday & G. Wren made a gathering for Mrs H.L. James.
Service of Carols in B.C. Chapel Christmas Morning at 7 A.M. W. James, Presided.

Messiah given in Cator Hall Christmas Night. 1897.
Received a letter from Sister Grace Dec 23rd 1897.

Rev J.E. Mundy preached at Millom Christmas Day morning, and at Haverigg in
the Evening 1897. First Christmas at Millom.

1877 Missionary Anniversary Sermons, on
 Sunday Nov 25th Text St. John 1st Ch. 4th verse. 3-8^{ours} 18 = 10
 Reader, Mrs Broadwell) Morning by Rev W. B. Reed Deputation
 (Lightening) Afternoon. Softening.
 Very Wet, Windy day. Evening by Rev W. C. Gilbert, 10-3 behind 16 = 9

29th Monday Afternoon Collection, Monday night (Muz) 1-12-6 (Capt Rich, Chair)
 27th Lecture at Millom, on "State Church Principles" Rev J. G. Ward, Chairman 6-3 (made up at door) 18 = 1
 Mrs Reed stayed with S. H. Mitchell. Profit of Tea (Lecture off tea) 1 3 9
 Mrs Gilbert stayed with W. James. (Haverigg had their own bills) 1 9 3
 Rev W. B. Reed's subject on Sunday morning was based on Phillip. 8 10 0

" " " " Monday Afternoon, " " " Moses's death, the command to the children of Israel to arise and go over this Jordan, Text Joshua 1st Ch 2nd verse.
 (A splendid Sermon, Capital Missionary Meeting.)
 Collections being behind last year, Bro Warriner held the box at door towards making up, Realized 18-7.

Waiters at Tea Tables
 Miss L. Gill & Miss Cole,
 " Southern & Miss Mundy,
 " M. Lock, & Miss Skillicorn.
 Cutters.
 Miss Pearce, Miss Mundy, & Miss Stephens.

A Very Wet
 Day on Sunday
 28th Thunder
 and Lightning
 at night!

S. Drudge, Proposed & W. Martin Seconded, a vote of thanks to all,
 W. James was asked and went on Platform to put it, as he the people to stand up and give a good clap.

Bible Society Meeting in Temperance Hall
 Thursday Dec 9th Rev W. C. Jones, Deputation
 Joseph Phillips, Secretary.

Miss Mundy & Miss Southern, Collectors.

no practice every day.

1897

Rev J. E. Mundy's 2nd Meeting.

1897

Bible Christian Quarterly Meeting held at Millom Dec 4th 1897.

Millom Accounts	amounted to	£ 22	9	3
Haverigg	"	7	15	6
Hodbarrow	"	5	0	0
(Surplus on Quarter of £ 18-3)		35	4	9

Resolutions

(No Tea Provided.)

- 1st That J. James be secretary of this Quarterly Meeting.
 - 2nd That Bro W. J. Southern's name drop from our Plan.
 - 3rd That a long list of names including S. Moyle, J. Saunders &c become members of Quarterly Meetings.
 - 4th That the furniture in Ministers House be insured in £100.
 - 5th That J. James be chosen Secretary of Quarterly Meeting for 12 months.
 - 6th That Silcroft Evening Service commence at 5-30 instead of 6 o'clock.
 - 7th That Mr J. Pratt join the Haverigg Mission Company.
 - 8th That Bro's W. Thomas & H. James be Re-elected Circuit Stewards.
- Meeting closed with Prayer by Bro W. M. Billing, (Sr.)
J. James Secretary.

Quarterly Meeting held at Haverigg March 12th 1898. Rev J. E. Mundy's 3rd Meeting

Millom Accounts	13-10-2	offgs	Quartgs	£	5	d
Haverigg	4-16-2	offgs	Quartgs	24	15	9
Hodbarrow	-	-	-	7	19	2
Discount on bill at Millom				5	-	-
				-	3	3
				£ 37	18	2

Disbursements

Added to Reserve Fund

Reserve Fund

To carry forward

£ 36	1	5
1	16	9
6	18	0
£ 8	14	9

- Res 1 That S. Driag's (Jr) name drop from our Plan. 2 That J. Shaplin's name continue on plan. 3 That J. Martin's name come on plan (on trial) 4 That S. Moyle's name come on plan (on trial). 5 Public Tea at Silcroft Good Friday. 6 That Mr Mundy stay with us the second year. 7 That A. Nodd, W. Osbourne, W. James (Sr), S. Moyle, W. C. Harris & W. Martin Committee for Silcroft Tea. 8 That next Q M be held at Millom (12 Weeks).

1897. Bazaar Business for opening New Year's Day, 1898.

A Trustee Meeting held at Millom Nov 29th among other matters of business, It was carried that Mrs Lewthwaite, ^{be asked to} open our Bazaar for 1898. She sent a reply saying she cannot, sent 10/- donation towards the object.

Then we went to see Mr J. Richards on Thursday Dec 9th. Who gave us word on Saturday the 11th saying he cannot, consented to give £2 towards the object, and suggested that Mrs Mundy open the Bazaar. Mr Mundy says she cannot, And asked the elders to remain after Sunday Morning Service Dec 12th to select someone else, I Proposed that Mr J. Oates be asked, S. H. Mitchell, seconded, Carried. In case he failed it was proposed that Mr Garr be asked, N. James made a amendment according to Mr Richards's wish that Mrs Mundy open it. So it was not put, Mr Mundy says he will call on Mr Oates the following morning, If he fail, to look after it himself.

A Schoolboy's Wit.

A pupil of Dr Busby went into a parlour where the doctor had laid down a fine bunch of grapes for his own eating, took it up, and said aloud, "I publish the banns between these and my mouth; if anyone knows any just cause or impediment why these two should not be joined together, let him declare it" The doctor, who was in next room, heard all that was said, and, going into the school, ordered the boy who had eaten the grapes to be taken up, or, as it called, horsed, on another boy's back; but, before he proceeded to the usual discipline, he cried out aloud, as the delinquent had done, "I publish the banns between my cane and this boy's breech; if anyone knows any just cause or just impediment why these two should not be joined together let him declare it" "I forbid the banns" cried the boy, "Why so?" said the doctor, "Because the parties are not agreed" replied the boy. Which answer so pleased the doctor (who liked to find any readiness of wit in his scholars) that he ordered the boy to be set down.

(Sent by an honorary member of Busy Bee) Sept 24th 95.
increase every day.

New Year's Effort 1898.

Receipts

By Weekly Tea's

- No 1 Stall, Mitchell, Russell, J. Hill & S. Coek
 " 2 " Matthews, W. James, W. House, J. H. Hawke
 " 3 " Miss A. Mundy, Plummer, Soley & Robins
 " 4 " Mundy, Chapman, Waring & Harris (Sr)

Sunday School Stall.

Refreshment Stall.

Entrance to Bazaar

Tea Money, (Young Men)

Magic Lantern, (Rev. J. I. Ward & W. Boyns)

Sunday Collections, (Jan'y 2nd)

Donations, J. Richards Esq

" Mr Brockbank

" Mr Hussey

" Mr Barnaby (Liverpool Bank)

" Mr J. Oates

" Mrs Ainsworth

" Mrs Chappell

" Mrs Leythwaite

" A Friend

Total Receipts

Disbursements

Mr Sprague, Printing 13-6

Mrs Gowen, Postage 2-0

Mr Mundy 5-0

To Lads for delivery of bills 1-1-0

Disbursements

Unaccounted for

don Mr W. H. James

£ s d

20 18 6

7 3 0

10 10 0

3 5 6

9 7 4

1 12 8

3 2 8

3 14 3

4 7 8

1 15 7

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£ 73 18 2

Incidents 1897-98

Millom B.C. No 2 Mission Coy. W. James. Chairman. Dec. 20th 2-15. (window)
 H. Hill. Choir gave Soft Song in Co-op Hall Sunday night at 8, Dec 26th (saved by a child)
 Mr Clegg, Publican at the Green, 44 years of age, Died Suddenly on Christmas Day 1897.

J. James went to ticket office about the weight, Wednesday Dec 29th 97. (got 100 Ton)
 Mr Ainsworth gave 1st to each man & boy in his employ, thrown out of work through
 pumping gear out of order, as a (Christmas Present.) (170 Persons in all.)

Jas. Brocklebank, Died at Chappells, Silecroft. Aged 74 years, Dec 23rd.

Received a Letter from Bro Andrew Dec 27th

Alexander Hart & H^m Bond, were entombed at Park mines on Christmas Day (taken out)

An effort to raise a testimonial for Mr W. Graham, Published in Whitehaven News. (Dec 30th)

Pit-Boat repaired by Jas Mitchell Dec 30th 3rd one before 2nd paid him 6th

Small bills for Bazaar Distributed by Supt Mundy & J. A. James, Dec 30th 31st 97. (Had 3rd each for doing it)

Hodbarrow mine closed on New Year's Eve at 12-30 until Monday Jan 3rd 98.

Break at Hodbarrow last week in year 97. J. Keal's Horse died same week.

North Western Daily Mail, first issued, Jan 1st 1898

Tuesdays issue of "Millom News" done away with, sometime

Mrs Darvell drowned herself in reservoir at Asham Dec 31st

Mrs Massicks died at the Oaks, January 3rd 98, Aged 66 years.

Fred J. Coward, was drowned in Coriston Lake on Friday Jan 7th 27 years

John Sutton, (retired hotel keeper) killed at Kent's bank Station, Jan 8th 98.

Wm Denny, of Kirkby, killed at Carlisle on Thursday Jan 6th 98 (Railway Station)

Sent a Letter to Bro Andrew, Jan 28th (Ethel's Birthday.) 14

Had Photo proof of A. Hollis, Feb 1st 1898. (Good).

Sam H. James, Started to pay so much per week, Saturday Feb 5th 1898.

sent resignation to W. C. Harris (Choir) Feb 4th

Annie Humphries taken very poorly on Monday Feb 21st had medicine

from Dr Anderson. (Dr Stoney's daughter dead.)

White Ribbon New Diana, opened by a Concert on Monday Feb 21st W. Martin Chas

Samuel had Chain, Seal, & Knife. & Brooch for Ma's 49th Birthday March 2nd

Dr Stoney's Daughter died Feb 20th (Benedict 23rd, Son died same day on his way to India)

Wm Egers Child burnt, died Feb 21st Aged 3 years.

Jeffery shot on embankment by Newby Feb 23rd

Mrs Steele died sudden at Kirsanton Crossing Feb 21st

Rd Elliott lamed his hand at Hobburn Feb 24th

no practice every day.

Lamble Competition

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| <p>1st Holiday Resort ^{Bath}</p> <p>2nd A Cricketer ^{Lilley}</p> <p>3rd Football Club ^{Gardiff}</p> <p>4th An M. P. ^{Frod}</p> <p>5th A Cricketer ^{Gunn}</p> <p>6th A Football Club ^{Bursley}</p> <p>7th A Footballer ^{Bunting}</p> <p>8th A Footballer ^{Sandilands}</p> <p>9th A Cricketer ^{Hearne}</p> <p>10th A Holiday Haunt ^{Broadstairs}</p> <p>11th An M. P. ^{Waring}</p> <p>12th A. M. P. ^{Mond}</p> <p>13th A Cricketer ^{Ken}</p> <p>14th A Footballer ^{Soyd}</p> <p>15th A Footballer ^{Woodhouse}</p> <p>16th A Holiday Haunt ^{Tower}</p> <p>17th A Cricketer ^{Webbe}</p> <p>18th A Holiday Haunt ^{Brighton}</p> <p>19th A Footballer ^{Fichell}</p> <p>20th A Holiday Haunt ^{Deal}</p> <p>21st A Footballer ^{Hyper}</p> <p>22nd A Cricketer ^{Street}</p> <p>23rd A Football Club ^{Rockcliffe}</p> <p>24th An M. P. ^{Baird}</p> <p>25th An M. P. ^{Hill}</p> <p>26th A Footballer ^{Wig}</p> <p>27th A Watering Place ^{Sandgate}</p> <p>28th A Cricketer ^{Porter}</p> <p>29th A Football Club ^{Wotts}</p> <p>30th A Footballer ^{Toden}</p> <p>31st A Footballer ^{Wright}</p> <p>32nd An M. P. ^{Moon}</p> <p>33rd A Cricketer ^{Blower}</p> <p>34th A Footballer ^{Marklock}</p> | <p>35th A Football Club ^{Symon Swifts}</p> <p>36th A Seaside resort ^{Ryde}</p> <p>37th A Footballer ^{Howell}</p> <p>38th An M. P. ^{Stone}</p> <p>39th A Cricketer ^{Rawlin}</p> <p>40th A Footballer ^{Ball}</p> <p>41st A Football Club ^{Hornetts}</p> <p>42nd A Holiday resort. ^{Minchhead}</p> <p>43rd A Footballer ^{Muir}</p> <p>44th An M. P. ^{Daly}</p> <p>45th A Footballer ^{Craigshaw}</p> <p>46th A Watering Place ^{Margate}</p> <p>47th A Football Club ^{Preston North End}</p> <p>48th A Watering Place ^{Clacton}</p> |
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Opening of New Piano. Feb 21st 1898.
Public Tea at 6th & 4th. Concert 6 & 3rd. W. Martin Chairman.

Waiters, Mrs J. & W. Y. Mitchell, Mrs Southern & Higman. Mrs Hawke & Williams.

Settlement of Piano accounts on Saturday Feb 11th 1899. (1/3 in hand).

Parliamentary Competition March 5th

No									
✓ 1.	Jos Arch	✓ 30 th	Y. Hare.	59	Seymour	88	Reckitt	47	
✓ 2.	Hicks-Beach	✓ 31	Asquith	60	Sullivan	89	Waring	48	
✓ 3.	Goschen	32	Curzon	61	Marsden	90	O'Malley	49	
✓ 4.	Dr. Tanner	✓ 33	Pierpoint	62	Yennysom				
✓ 5.	Brunner	34	Chaplin	63	Swift MacNeill				
✓ 6.	Manners	✓ 35	H. H. H. 8	64	Daly	41	Right		
✓ 7.	J. Burns	36	Hubbard	65	Humbert	49	Wrong		
✓ 8.	Campbell-Bannerman	✓ 37	Hubbard	66	Baldwin	90			
✓ 9.	Northcote	38	Hubbard	67	Ben Picard	31			
✓ 10.	Harcourt	39	Hubbard	68	O'Connor	32			
✓ 11.	Fowler	40	Hubbard	69	Madden				
✓ 12.	Wallace	41	Hubbard	70	Madden				
✓ 13.	Peel	42	Hubbard	71	Madden				
✓ 14.	Bolton	43	Hubbard	72	Madden				
✓ 15.	Maclean	44	Hubbard	73	Madden				
✓ 16.	Webster	45	Hubbard	74	Madden				
✓ 17.	Dilke	46	Hubbard	75	Madden				
✓ 18.	A. K. Pollit	47	Hubbard	76	Madden				
✓ 19.	Knox	48	Hubbard	77	Madden				
✓ 20.	Dr. H. H. H.	49	Hubbard	78	Madden				
✓ 21.	Healy	50	Hubbard	79	Madden				
✓ 22.	Ambrose	51	Hubbard	80	Madden				
✓ 23.	Balfour	52	Hubbard	81	Madden				
✓ 24.	William Allan	53	Hubbard	82	Madden				
✓ 25.	Hartley	54	Hubbard	83	Madden				
✓ 26.	J. Begg	55	Hubbard	84	Madden				
✓ 27.	Finch Hatton	56	Hubbard	85	Madden				
✓ 28.	Herbert Gladstone	57	Hubbard	86	Madden				
✓ 29.	J. Colomb	58	Hubbard	87	Madden				

increase every day.

Incidents 1898

R. H. Hawke's last Sunday Playing at B.C. Chapel, Millom, Feb 27th

Sent the Post Office Competition on Thursday March 3rd

M^{rs} Shackley (Dr) first went to Day School March 7th

Dowbiggin's Son lamed by machine on Monday Feb 21st

Tom Pascoe & Mates Started to drive stone drift on Monday March 14th

Seth Moyle Married to Miss Priest Feb 12th

H. J. Nicholson Buried same day

James Maddox died March 12th

Owen Whalen died March 14th

First Sunday of W^m James (Dr) singing in B.C. Choir, March 20th 98

Rev J. I. Dymond at Millom March 20th & 21st

Millom County Council Election April 2nd (North & South Wards)

Death of Arthur Orton, (Lichborne Claimant) in March 1898. 69 yrs. (18 Stones weight)

Edwin Soley died suddenly on Thursday March 31st

W. Braham, died April 11th Aged 64 years

M^{rs} E. Howden, " " " 46 years

M^{rs} J. W. Ward's Sale on Monday April 18th (G. E. Sheldon)

Baptist Sale of Work Saturday & Monday April 16th & 18th (W. Y. Lawrence) (opened)

Wesleyan's Young Ladies Tea & Concert, April 18th

Bible Christians Juvenile Missionary Sermons by Rev W. Y. Down. (Millom)

W^m James (Dr) took Chair at Juvenile Missionary Meeting, Address by Rev W. Y. Down. (G. E. S. C. E.)

Millom Bible Christian Choir Supper on Wednesday April 20th (J. H. Hawke, Picture)

Rev J. E. Mundy left Millom to go to Exeter on Tuesday April 19th (With Son to School)

Abraham Leach, killed at the Barrow Steel Works, April 16th (28 years)

Egbert Siddaway, had Leg amputated (same accident) (nearly shot off)

Induction of Rev J. Byard, new vicar of Dalton April 15th

Miss Mandall died on Sunday April 17th Aged 17 years. (March 31st)

John Turner's accident at Dalton (resulted in death) died April 20th aged 38 yrs.

Isaac Simms, died (Sudden) April 20th (Sailor for Mr. Legson) aged 68 yrs.

Samuel F. Rogers, Late of Cornwall, died with M. R. Poyor April 20th aged 20 yrs.

J. C. Simpson's Child, died April 19th 12 months old.

Millom B.C. Choir Supper April 20th R. H. Hawke presented with Picture.

J. Young, Mrs Ward (2) Mrs Leck left for Africa April 22nd

John Flannagan of Millom died April 24th aged 18 years.

Bridget, Wife of Geo Toddson of Millom died April 25th aged 32 yrs.

"Steer Straight For Me, Father".
Part 1st

1st The sun was shining bright and fair,
Whilst fragrant breezes filled the air
One lovely summer's day;
Close to the shore, tossed by each wave,
That rolled o'er many a sailor's grave,
A boat at anchor lay.

2nd On the rough beach a hut was seen,
And standing by the patch of green,
Before his cottage door,
A fisherman looked down and smiled
Upon a merry, laughing child,
Who graced that home so poor.

3rd Six years before, the hand of death
Had stayed the loving mother's breath
And left these two alone:
So now the child was all he had
To make his weary heart feel glad
When each day's toil was done.

4th But, ere she left this land below,
That loving mother tried to show,
To those she loved so well,
The narrow path each saint has trod,
Which leads to holiness and God -
To heaven, where angels dwell.

5th And Mary chose the better part
To God she gave her youthful heart,
And sought her Saviour's face;
Striving each day to bear her cross,

and weise every day.

content to suffer pain and loss,
So she might grow in grace.

6th The father's heart was cold and hard;
For pity with no regard,
He scorned his good wife's tears;
Living a sinful, careless life
Amid the bustle, care, and strife
Of earthly hopes and fears.

7th He little thought, each passing day,
His wife was fading fast away,
Nearing that other shore
Where death and sorrow are unknown—
Where earthly crosses are laid down
Where pain is felt no more;

8th Till, with the child, he stood beside
Her bed not long before she died,
Tossing about with pain.
But still she whispered at the last
"My dear ones, when your lives are past,
Meet me in heaven again."

9th And thus she died: in evening's gloom
Her husband sat within that room,
But never raised his head;
By grief and lonely sorrow bowed,
The proud man wept and sobbed aloud,
While thinking of the dead.

10th So now, as soon as night had come,
And father reached his humble home,
Poor Mary gladly came,

Bringing her little cushioned seat
To sit down at her father's feet,
And whisper mother's name.

11th Alas! to Christ he did not look;
Ere long, the sinful haunts forsook
When first he felt alarm -
As weeks and months rolled quickly past
Regained their influence, till at last
He yielded to their charm.

12th One day there to his cottage came
A gentleman, who called his name,
And said, "I want you now
To take me and some friends of mine,
This afternoon, as it is fine,
For three hours' quiet row."

13th The fisherman gave his assent,
But first into the cottage went
His little child to see;
And, with a smile, he gaily said,
"I'm coming back, my little maid,
At five o'clock, to tea."

14th Then Mary took her father's hand,
Walked by his side, and took her stand,
With heart so free and light,
Upon a cliff close by, to stay
And watch the dear old boat away
Till it was out of sight.

15th Soon as 'twas gone, she homeward turned
To finish duties she had learned
To practise every day.

Millom Urban District Council Election, April 2nd 1898.
Candidates for North Ward.

Wm Paterson Brown,	Votes - - -	114	
Henry Northcote,	" - - -	89	
James Wye,	" - - -	153	Elected.
Henry White,	- - -	115	Elected.

Candidates for South Ward.

John Crowle,	Votes - - -	149	Elected
Graham,	" - - -	145	
Thomas Rundle,	" - - -	153	Elected.
G. E. Sheldon,	" - - -	90	

1898 Millom Council Election for (North Ward) Candidates.
May 16th William Paterson Brown. Votes 213
David Lang. " 128

A Gentleman once met a lad on the road driving some geese,
"How far are you going with your score geese," said the
gentleman. It is not a score, nor half a score, but if I
had as many again, and half as many again, and two
geese and a half, I should ~~have~~ score"
How many geese was the lad driving.

An old man met a child. "Good day, my lad," says he,
may you live as long as you have lived, and twice
as much more, and twice as much as all this;
and if God gives you one year in addition to the
others, you will be a century old.

What was the boy's age.?

Ans.
(5 1/2)

She cleaned the hearth, and swept the floor
Whitened the steps before the door,
And made the house look gay.

16th But even whilst working she could sing
The praises of her Lord and King
Who reigns enthroned above.
He died to save her soul from hell;
And fain she would the greatness tell
Of His redeeming love.

17th But while her thoughts were of that clime
Where it is always summer-time,
And flowers never cease to bloom,
A dark, thick mist was gathering round,
Which very soon overspread the ground,
And filled the air with gloom.

18th Just then the little clock struck five,
So, thinking father would arrive
E'er moments more had fled,
She spread the table, then stood still,
Listening to hear his footsteps, till
Another hour had sped.

19th And then, as minutes slipped away,
She felt she could no longer stay—
So from the cottage ran.
Trembling with fear, and full of care
She tried to pierce the darkened air,
And sought the waves to scan.

20th But then she thought of Jesu's love,
And raised her eyes to Heaven above,

Whilst kneeling on the sand
She said, "O Lord, I pray Thee save
My father from a watery grave,
And bring him safe to land."

21st Then loud she cried, "O father, come,
Steer straight for me and to your home—
Father, steer straight for me."
But still she heard no answering voice
To make her little heart rejoice
His boat she could not see.

22nd The dreary wind howled more and more,
Whilst foaming waves dashed on the shore,
No other sound was heard;
Save when a sea-gull flying by
Uttered its piercing, mournful cry,
And thus the silence stirred.

23rd Poor Mary grasped a rocky ledge,
And hanging o'er the water's edge,
Her face near to the sea,
Again, and yet again, she cried,
Across the splashing, foaming tide,
"Father, steer straight for me."

24th A dangerous reef was near that coast
Where many ships had erst been lost;
This heightened Mary's fears;
And then she knelt to pray once more
Upon the wet and yielding shore,
Whilst weeping bitter tears.

25th But soon she felt a tranquil peace,
Bidding the troubled fears to cease
Which filled her maiden breast.
She felt, if she did all she could,
Her mighty Saviour, kind and good,
Would surely do the rest.

26th And then once more she loudly cried
Across the raging, swelling tide -
"Father! dear father, come."
Then listened long, 'twixt hope and fear,
Trusting and praying soon to hear
That parent coming home.
Part II.

27th Amid the thickest dark fog that day
The mariners had lost their way,
When far, far out at sea.
Hour after hour had passed away
Until they heard that child's voice say -
"Father! steer straight for me

28th Then o'er the waves, so dark and wild,
The father answered, "Yes, my child,
I'm coming to you now;"
And, guided by the cheering sound,
He veered his little vessel round,
And shoreward turned her prow.

29th That night, beside the little fire,
The daughter told her toil-worn sire
How frightened she had felt,
When first she saw the darkened room,
And then, amid the fog and gloom,
By the dear ocean knelt.

30th She told him how she knelt once more
Upon the wet and sandy shore
To pray that God would save
That father's life when borne astray,
And guide him on his homeward way,
Safe from a watery grave.

31th He heeded not the words she said,
But on her flaxen curls he laid
His hand, and to his breast
Folded his child, and said, "Good-night
My little darling, take your light -
You're pale, and must need rest."

32nd She kissed his furrowed, careworn brow,
And said, "Good-night, I'm going now -
I do feel cold and ill."
But when about an hour had past,
Her pulse began to throb quite fast -
The child could not keep still.

33rd But soon her face grew burning hot -
A raging fever she had got,
And on her bed must lie,
Tossing about and racked with pain,
For she would ne'er arise again,
But there must droop and die.

34th The father for a doctor ran,
And said, "Oh, sir, do all you can
To make my darling well.
I'm sure 'twould almost break my heart
If from my child I had to part -
My love no words can tell."

35th The doctor gravely shook his head,
And said, "I will not you mislead;
My friend, she's sinking fast;
I cannot give the slightest aid,
For I am very much afraid
This night will be her last

36th Before she died they heard her say,
"Dear father! seek the narrow way
That leads to heavenly rest,
And then, for Jesus' sake forgiven,
We each and all shall meet in heaven,
Among the good and blest."

37th And thus 'mid gathering shades of night
Her spirit passed to realms of light,
To join that holy band
Who day and night unceasing sing
The praises to their Lord and King
In the celestial land.

38th The father knelt in bitter grief,
For tears could give but scant relief
When his dear child was dead.
Beneath the sod they gently laid
The body of his little maid,
And planted flowers o'erhead.

39th At night the father saw each star
That twinkled in the heavens, so far
Above the deep blue sea,
And fancied he could hear them say,
"To heaven above direct your way;
Christ says, Steer straight for Me."

40th One night his eyes were dim with tears;
He could not still the gloomy fears
That filled his troubled breast;
But Jesus in His word had said,
"Come unto Me; be not afraid!
For I will give you rest."

41st And then he came, forlorn and sad,
Till Jesus made his spirit glad;
And gave his conscience ease;
His night of gloom was turned to day,
His load of guilt had passed away -
His soul was filled with peace.

42nd In years that had long since gone past
The gentle mother tried to cast
The precious seed around,
And though 'twas oft times sown with tears,
With mingled doubts, and cares, and fears,
At last the fruit was found.

43rd Oh learn a lesson, ye who sow
Beside all waters; seek to show
The narrow, holy way
That leads to realms beyond the sky:
Your precious seed, which seems to die,
May bloom some other day.

44th And, reader, whoso'er you be,
Sailing o'er life's tempestuous sea,
Come listen to your Lord;
He bids you now to seek His face,
And asks you to accept His grace,
Then hearken to His word.

45th For even thy little bark may ride
In safety o'er life's stormy tide,
And thou mayst always hear
The Saviour's voice say, "Peace, be still"
(For winds and waves obey His will),
When all is dark and drear.

46th Then steer for Christ; I pray you now
Confess your sins; before him bow;
Listen - He speaks to thee -
Come follow Me, and bear thy cross;
The foaming waves thy bark may toss;
But yet - Steer straight for Me."

47th Mid every scene, each hour, each day
God's Spirit will direct thy way,
He'll guide; and He alone
Will keep thee from each danger safe,
Though round the angry billows chafe,
He'll lead thee to His throne.

48th And far above the storms of life,
It's days of turmoil, care, and strife,
Where fairest hopes are riven,
Your boat shall reach a better clime,
Beyond the shifting sands of time,
And rest for aye in heaven.

49th But if you still refuse to pray,
There soon will come a stormy day
Of darkness and of gloom -
That voice which saith, "Give me thine heart,"
Will then pronounce the word, "Depart"
(For this must be thy doom).

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