

THE SNAPPING SHELL FISH

"Ask Him for strength to stay away from Satan's traps"

A large shellfish, with a grip like a vice, had been taken from Narragansett Beach and left lying near the pier. It partly opened its shell-mouth and lay quietly on the beach.

A cat happened to pass that way. Catching a scent of the delicious shellfish, she began to search for it.

Often Christians get into trouble just the way that cat did. They go too near the devil's traps. They stop to look at the pictures on the outside of the theatre or make special friends of boys and girls who want to do wrong things. God's Word says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7).

But Pussy did not run away from danger. Perhaps she did not think anything would happen. She wanted that shellfish very much. So, carefully, she went to work.

She began by walking round and round the shellfish, eyeing it on every side. Then she gently poked it over with her paw, turning it round and round. The shellfish by this time was on the alert. Pussy tried to insert her nose between the shells. The shellfish knew she couldn't do it, and just lay there.

Pussy next put one of her paws partly inside the shell. Quickly she took it out again, watching to see what the shellfish would do. Haven't you known boys who tried just one cigarette? Nothing happened. So they said, "See. It didn't hurt me. What's wrong with that?" But Satan was lying low, just as the shellfish did. Not a muscle did he move.

More bravely this time, Pussy put her claws full upon the meat of the shellfish inside the shell. The shellfish said, "Now, my lady, I've got you!" Then, bringing his two jaws together with a snap, he held the cat's paw with an iron grip.

First the cat spat angrily. She then howled and started jumping around the beach like a circus performer. She jerked the shellfish all over the shipyard, up against a doorstep, between two fence pickets, and over a stone wall. But the shellfish wouldn't let go.

Boys and girls and older folks who are in Satan's power often try as hard as did the cat to get out of his clutches. Perhaps on New Year's Day they decide to turn over a new leaf and be kind and good from then on; or perhaps they don't know they belong to Satan and think that their good works are helping them to get to heaven. But Satan has them in his grip just the same, and no matter what they do they can't get loose.

The cries and struggles of poor Pussy that day on the beach finally brought two men out to see what was going on. Laughing at the way the cat was acting, they loosened the grip of the shellfish on her paw. She streaked away down the beach, and never again did she even go near a shellfish!

Somebody else has to get sinners free from the clutches of sin, too. It is the Lord Jesus. Ask Him today to set you free and then begin

DeVERNE MULLEN'S SLATE

Nov. 16-28—Nazarene Church, Oxford, N. S. Dec. 1 - 12—R. B. Church, Moncton, N. B.

Dec. 29 - Jan 2-Moncton, N. B.

Jan. 4 - 9—Open.

Jan. 11 - 23—Grand Harbour, N. B.

Jan. 25 - 30—Open.

Feb. 2 - 13—Nazarene Church, Somerville, Mass.

Feb. 15 - 27—Nazarene Church, Norwood, Mass.

March 6 - 20-Marysville, N. B.

March 23 - April 3 — Nazarene Church, Plattsburg, N. Y.

April 5 - 17—Nazarene Church, Melrose, Mass. (Tentative).

April 24 - May 15-Home Missions.

PAUL MULLEN'S SLATE

November 17th - 28th—Calais, Maine.

December 1st - 12th—Elmsdale, P. E. I.

December 29th - January 2nd, 1955—Moncton, N. B.

January 9th - 30th—Hartland, N. B. February 6th - 27th—Jonesport, Maine. March 6th - 20th—Marysville, N. B. March 23rd - April 3rd—Plattsburg, N. Y. April 10th - 24th—Perth, N. B.

G. A. DeLONG'S SLATE

November 9-21—Killam's Mills, N. B. November 28-December 12—Lower Southampton, N. B.

H. R. INGERSOLL'S SLATE

Nov. 17 - 28—Calais, Maine. Nov. 30—Dec. 12—Moncton, N. B.

QUARTERLY MEETING NOTICE

The Quarterly Meeting for District No. 3 will convene with the Grand Harbour, N. B., Reformed Baptist Church, on Nov. 25th-28th. Pastors please contact Rev. H. E. Mullen as to how many will attend, so that he can meet them at North Head.

James H. Merchant, Secretary.

DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The District Meeting will be held at Fredericton, N. B., November 25 — 28. Come, prepared to enjoy the good things of the Lord with His people.

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YOUTH WEEK SERVICES AT FREDERICTON

Youth Week services are to be held at the Fredericton Church, Nov. 14—21, with Lic. Karl Gorman as special speaker.

MORNING DEVOTIONS BROADCAST FROM CFNB, FREDERICTON, N. B. 8.30 - 9.00 A. M.

Rev. G. R. Symonds, 10th of each month. Rev. H. S. Wilson-19th of each month.

Rev. B. C. Cochrane, 27th of each month. Rev. J. A. Owens, 30th of each month.

to live for Him. If you are already a Christian ask Him, too, for strength to stay away from Satan's traps.—Prairie Overcomer.

OBITUARY

Funeral service of the late William F. Hooper was held in the Pentecostal Church, Back Bay, on October 20th.

Officiating at the service was Rev. Samuel Paisley, pastor of the Church, assisted by Rev. W. H. Ring, Rev. F. A. Dunlop, and Rev. M. A. Conley Interment was in the Back Bay Cemetery.

Surviving are four sons: Fred, Vernon, Floyd and Andrew; also three daughters: Mrs. Joseph Hanley, Mrs. Forest Williamson, and Mrs. Horace Mitchell.

Mr. Hooper left a testimony of victory in Jesus to comfort those left behind.

F. A. Dunlop

WEDDING

Crosby-Thurston—On Friday evening, Nov. 5th, at the Reformed Baptist Church at Sandford, Brenda Jean Thurston became the wife of Harold Norman Crosby. The groom was attended by Eric Taylor, of Yarmouth. Attending the bride were her two sisters, Martha Zwicker and Irma Thurston.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Laurence K. Mullen, assisted by Lic. Karl E. Gorman.

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Born—To Rev. and Mrs. L. K. Mullen, Yarmouth, N. S., a daughter, Shirley Annette, November 4.

"MOMENTS OF MEDITATION" FROM CJCH HALIFAX, N. S.

Rev. Ralph Hobson is conducting a weekly broadcast, "Moments of Meditation," from radio station CJCH, Halifax, N. S., 920 Kilocycles, each Saturday at 7.45 a.m.

MORNING DEVOTIONS FROM ST. JOHN, N. B.

Rev. F. A. Watson is to broadcast over CHSJ, St. John, N. B., Nov. 29 - Dec. 4.

NOTED SAYINGS ON REPENTANCE

True repentance consists in the heart being broken for sin and broken from sin.—Thornton.

Repentance is sorrow converted into action: into a movement toward a new and better life.

—Vincent.

True repentance is to cease from sinning.—Ambrose.

God hath promised pardon to him that repenteth, but He hath not promised repentance to him that sinneth.—Anslem.

True repentance hates the sin and not merely the penalty.—Taylor.

Repentance to be of any avail must work a change of heart and conduct.—Cuyler.

Late repentance is seldom true, but true repentance is never too late.—Venning.

Before God can deliver us we must undeceive ourselves.—Augustine.

-The Wesleyan Methodist

Plato said: "The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."—Clipped.