

THE DAY OF GREAT DECISION

JUNE 29th, 1930

My Dear Young People,—

At some time or other we must make a decision which determines the destiny of our life. Such decisions as make for our life's employment, our life's environment, our life's partner are all tremendously vital to our career and destiny; but our decision to accept or reject Jesus Christ as Saviour and Friend is surely the greatest decision of all. Employment, environment, and partner for life are almost invariably involved in the choice or rejection of Jesus Christ. Choosing Him ever determines these also. When He has been chosen, I have known scores of persons who have changed their occupation, created new environments, and either changed the nature or the person of their companionship.

Now, it may be that you have not yet made a decision for or against Christ as Saviour; but your age now determines that you must do so. Let His claims on your love and life be faced. His love so condescending, so constant, so constraining, demands your love in return.

His service for us, which was life-long, self-forgetting, self-sacrificing, compels our service unto sacrifice. If we think at all, these are the two factors which claim our decision for Christ. Not to decide is to decide. If no decision is registered for Him, then one is registered against Him. "He that is not with Me is against Me," said Jesus.

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But many will say, "I made my decision for Christ last year, or years ago. What meaning has Decision Day for me?" My dear young people, it can, and it ought to, mean a decision to be more faithful in service, bolder in witnessing, more decided in your decisions to withdraw from anything in which Christ's name, or His cause is in the least injured. I am not afraid for any youth who puts Christ's sensitive soul before his own pleasure, or interest. So I plead with you, whoever or wherever you are, to make June 29 the Day of Decision, either that He shall become your Chosen Saviour and Friend, or that more completely and definitely you will make Him Lord and Master of your life.



Why not write out your decision in your own words, and make two copies of it, one for your teacher, mother, or minister, and one for the friend you most love and trust.

On the day of your decision, I shall, D.W., be in England, but my prayer for you will reach God's ear, and my influence for you will cross continents and seas, and reach you here in New South Wales.

Commending you to the love of God, and to His servants.

Yours in prayerful desire,

J. W. Jacobs.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TO BE READ IN EVERY SCHOOL.

To the Boys and Girls of
The Methodist Church in New South Wales.

My Dear Young People,—

As President of the Conference I am addressing a message to you on the importance of making a decision which is to be the greatest decision you will ever be called upon to make. This is a decision to give yourselves—all that you are and all that you have—to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This is not a light thing to do, nor an easy thing, and I would lovingly urge you to think deeply and pray much before you make this decision; but with all the earnestness of which I am capable I urge that the decision shall be made. Think of what it means for you definitely to decide that all your life you are to follow the Great Master; that you are to love Him with your heart and mind and soul and strength, and that you are to give your life with all its splendid powers and possibilities into His keeping. Think of what a wonderful life yours will be if you allow Him to direct all your ways; how beautiful a life He will make it; what wonderful service He will enable you to do for your fel-

lows; and what happiness will day by day be yours in the thought that Jesus Christ is leading you and using you. You are all young; life stretches before you with its wonderful possibilities, and you live in a country where there is needed so badly the efforts of those who will think well, speak wisely, and act always in the fear of God. When I think of the possibilities of the youth of our Sunday Schools, and try to picture all the boys and girls being joined in the love of God and service of their country, I feel that if this can be accomplished, then all things are possible, and the future of our land is assured.

Will you then respond to the appeal made to you, and will you, in the sight of God, decide absolutely to give yourself to Him, and from this day forward acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and accept Him as your Leader?

With affectionate greetings,

Yours sincerely,

W. J. Jones.

President.