

Remember now thy Creator in
the days of thy youth.

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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EDITORIAL

THE DEVIL'S DECOYS

Just recently I was visiting in a home, and while talking to a sick person I heard the sound of a duck coming from another room. Upon enquiry I discovered that it was not a real duck but a person was imitating one. The resemblance was remarkable so much so that it took me a little while to really be convinced that it was a human voice. Since that time I have been thinking a little about decoys and trust the following few words of warning will be heeded that we might beware of the enticements of the devil.

A decoy is used primarily to entice, as into danger or a snare; draw on, so as to entrap. Because the devil is a master at trapping young men and women and making them to fall for many things which are not according to God's will for them, it behoves us to take care that we are not entrapped by the deceiver and enemy of our souls.

One of the first things a duck hunter does is to prepare himself for the expedition. He gets a good shot gun with plenty of ammunition. With these he carries his decoys and sets out for the hunt. How descriptive this is of old man Satan. He has a very good gun, and is a master huntsman. His gun has shot many a bird on the wing. The ammunition he uses is bound to get some choice bird. He has fully prepared himself to bring home the duck. He has of course his decoys which are as important to him as the weapon that kills. Without the decoys his hunting would be a failure.

Let us follow this hunter. We notice that he is making for a nice quiet stretch of water. He seems to be bent on choosing a certain place to put his decoys. Apparently he has been hunting around here before and knows exactly where the decoys will do the best work. He gently pushes them into the water and takes cover in the bushes. The devil knows the place to put his decoys. Surprisingly enough it is in the quietness of the church. He knows that men and women are sometimes easy victims to ensnare. Satan doesn't place his decoys in the middle of the picture hall or the liquor store, the ducks that go there are not worth shooting, he puts them in a place where generally the best of the flock seek fellowship and friendship. If he can shoot one duck from a place like that it is almost a certainty that others will be shot also. We might name a decoy or two.

1. The Silent Duck. He never says a word. When a prayer meeting is in progress you can never expect him to pray. He enjoys the service yet never voices his own petition to the throne of grace. If you didn't see him come to church or notice him as he left you would never know that he had been present. Strange too how many he influences to do the same thing.

2. The Grumbling Duck. He always has something to grumble about. The church is too cold. The sermon much too personal. The blessing of the Lord very apparent and therefore uncomfortable for him while it lasted. Funny thing how he adds to his number so easily.

3. The Self-Righteous Duck. Looks very holy but acts very unholy. He is always right

others always wrong. He has full authority on how others should think and be—just like he. I am not as other men are, I have done everything right. Quite a lot of unthinking people fall for this kind of religious experience.

Reader, young person, be careful of the Devil's Decoys, he has them everywhere. He uses all those who will allow him a place in their hearts. Be sure that you are sensitive enough to know the difference between the real and the imitation, when you see it. The devil is out to shoot you down, give him no chance to allure you in any way. Give no place to the devil.

The Lord certainly blessed our D.V.B.S. efforts this past summer. We had 17 volunteer workers giving full or part time to the work, besides the faithful local people who so willingly helped in various capacities from teaching to transporting children. According to my records there are 28 churches or circuits, 21 schools were held, 19 of our circuits being represented. The statistics as to number registered and average attendance speak for themselves. The average cost per pupil at 23c does not include what was paid to the workers for traveling expense or love offering. That 23c covers materials used in teaching only.

Presque Isle was ahead as to the largest number registered, with Hartland not far behind. Perth deserves recognition for the fine registration of 102. The honor of the highest percentage of average attendance in relation to registration goes to the Head of Millstream.

I do believe that the churches as a whole were well satisfied with the work. There were some errors perhaps we will have to chalk up to inexperience. I do think that the churches responded wonderfully, and I believe we as a Young People's group should be very pleased at such a fine response from the people.

One thing that was brought particularly to my attention was high traveling expenses resulting from schools quite some distance apart. We do hope that this can be improved upon another year, but this has to be considered something on the plan of an evangelist. All churches do not want the same workers, and open dates are not always agreeable to a church for various reasons. One way and only one can this be corrected to any great extent. That is by the pastors who desire schools notifying the committee at the earliest possible date. Already some workers are nearly booked and so the first to request schools will be first filled. And RIGHT NOW IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START TALKING AND PLANNING A D.V.B.S. FOR 1950.

Speaking as a worker myself, I feel that we had a rich experience in being able to work with the children of different churches. I do believe that the Lord will bless the efforts, and that the churches will reap lasting good from the investment in a D.V.B.S.

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THE REWARD OF FAITH

Faith knows that God has His moment, and in that moment everything yields to His will. Faith can wait. If she comes to a prison gate, she can stand without until God touches the

bars and it flies open. If the enemy hurls rocks from the battlement, she stands unmoved and unharmed. Faith knows some Jericos need to be compassed fourteen times, and she carries with her the shout.—Sel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STATISTICS

Summer—1949

Place	Number Registered	Average Attendance
Storytown	77	58
Perth	102	70
Port Maitland	66	53
Sandford	47	33
Meductic	31	23
Londonderry	35	20
Head of Millstream	44	39
Truro	69	50
Westchester	38	27
Jonesport	35	29
Black's Harbour	83	52
Seal Cove	64	49
North Head	34	21
Grey's Mills	25	18
Presque Isle	118	100
Hartland	109	73
Beals	46	34
Havelock	80	65
Millville	94	75
Woodstock	76	57
Killiam's Mills	36	26
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Average cost per pupil23c
Total pupil offerings\$141.03
Total conversions reported41

DO YOU KNOW?

That, if you are wanting the things of the world, there is something wanting in your experience?

That, if you are a real Christian, you will manifest an interest in the salvation of others?

That, the preaching that does not revive will not survive?

That, there is real danger in yielding, little by little, to things that look harmless?

That, the church would accomplish more if the Holy Ghost were honored more?

—Sel.

PRESCRIPTION FOR A REVIVAL

I can give you a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth. The prescription is as follows: First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential! If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing. Second, let them bind themselves together to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down. Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and communities, and in no instance has it ever failed. And it cannot fail!—R. A. Torrey.