

EXPENDITURES.

AID TO SCHOOLS.

"M" means more, "L" less.

Toronto	\$14 98 M	
Hamilton	11 L	
London	13 20 L	
Bay of Quinte	6 37 M	
Montreal	5 31 L	
N. B. and P. E. I.	2 38 M	
Newfoundland	92 50 L	
Nova Scotia	23 86 M	
Manitoba	97 55 M	
Alberta	60 94 M	
Saskatchewan	55 49 L	
British Columbia	3 37 L	
		11 62 L
Net cost of travelling, 1910-11	\$650 22	
Net cost of travelling, 1911-12	590 23	
		59 99 L

SALARIES.

Rev. J. A. Doyle	\$91 67 M	
Rev. F. L. Farewell	391 69 M	
Rev. J. P. Westman	1,925 00 M	
Rev. J. K. Curtis	1,650 00 M	
Miss Wallace	124 00 M	
		4,182 36 M
Extra Office Help	16 70 L	
Superannuation Fund (three years paid in 1910-11)	126 60 L	
Board Meeting (no meeting this year; two last year)	759 95 L	
Executive Committee Meetings	14 25 M	
Office Rent	292 50 L	
(Not full year this year; more than year last year.)		
Telephone	25 50 L	
Postage	236 12 M	
Express	13 45 M	
Exchange	7 93 M	
Epworth Era	11 25 L	
Printing	366 53 L	
Office Supplies, Stock, Mdse., etc.	142 90 M	
		5,843 02
Cash on hand, June 30th, 1910		5,358 23
Cash on hand, June 30th, 1911		
Decrease during year		\$484 79
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Cash on hand, June 30th, 1912		2,862 84
Decrease during year		\$2,495 39

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT WITH 1910-1911.

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Receipts from Conferences.

	S. S. Fund.	Supplies.	Y. P. S. Fund.	Total.
Toronto	\$379 15 M	\$7 20 M	\$0 20 L	\$386 15 M
Hamilton	259 41 M	2 85 L	17 61 M	274 17 M
London	300 02 M		24 50 L	275 53 M
Bay of Quinte	273 26 M	1 38 L	12 21 L	269 67 M
Montreal	262 40 M	0 66 L	15 65 L	246 09 M
N. B. and P. E. I.	87 29 M	3 15 L	3 15 L	80 99 M
Newfoundland	15 67 M	54 13 L	5 19 L	43 75 L
Nova Scotia	18 19 M	3 00 M	10 60 L	10 59 M
Manitoba	140 72 M	1 95 L	21 30 M	160 07 M
Alberta	132 32 M	14 96 L	4 95 M	122 31 M
British Columbia	66 68 L		40 40 M	26 28 L
Saskatchewan	49 52 M	27 40 L	139 45 L	117 33 L
Anonymous	3 52 L			
	\$1,847 66 M	\$96 28 L	\$126 69 L	\$1,624 69 M
Less error in deposit				10 00
				\$1,614 69
Sales of Literature—Book Room		\$26 10 L		
Office		1 04 L		
				\$27 14 L
Special Subscriptions				60 00 L

W. E. WILLMOTT,
General Treasurer.

Playing the Fool

REV. J. T. STEPHENS, VISCOUNT, SASK.

Many of us boys are apt to think of the Bible as an uninteresting specimen of the bookmaker's art, and the reading of it as dreadfully dull work. In fact, we gladly give up our claim to it to the preacher and other equally sedate folks.

But what a dreadful mistake we make when we thus relinquish our hold of what undoubtedly is the most interesting of all books, not forgetting Henty's and other such Jim-crums.

Adventure? Why, the book is brimful of them. Imagine the exciting times that were experienced by some of the old familiar characters, Moses, Joseph, David, and those men with the funny names whose course, like the painting on costly china, was only burnt in by the heat of fiery furnace. Pluck? We as Britishers are rightly proud of our ancestry. Who does not grow an inch taller at the very mention of a Nelson? But for pluck of the highest type commend me to a Daniel. I remember one little fellow who said that the lions couldn't Daniel because the greater part of him was backbone and the rest grit. Advice? Lots of it.

And advice gained too in the highest-prized school in all the world, in the school of experience. Look at this picture. Here is an old king, called early in his life to rule a nation of a splendid people, Israel. Everything seemed to have come his way, a fine figure, nice countenance, a pleasing presence; nothing apparently lacking to make him a kingly king. But he played the fool. He tells us so in one of his most sensible moments. And in all probability David heartily agreed with him. Shall we seek audience with King Saul and ask his advice as to how we, too, can play the fool?

Listen, he tells us first that to act the foolish part perfectly we ought to have an ideal that may be lowered very, very easily. It is so awfully inconvenient you know, boys, to have a standard that prevents one from going with the crowd. I want to play Sunday ball, but, lo, there is my ideal, and Sunday ball is all in. Awfully inconvenient, you know! Then, you see, I have to do things on the square all the time, in school, in play, in the home, and all because of this ideal. Shall I keep up the flag or pull it down when convenient? Fighter or fool? Lion patrol or monkey patrol? This is Saul's advice:

"Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.

We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.

Shun not the struggle, face it;

'Tis God's gift."

Then, again, to play the fool properly we really ought to sneer at the goody-goody things, such as going to Sunday School, and all such things. Of course, our fathers did these things, but then, well, you see, things are different now. so on we go, careless of body, smoking dirty cigarettes, reading dirty literature, and listening approvingly to talk that isn't even decent English, whilst the best things of life are being passed by.

Boys, I advise you, too, for that matter, it pays to play the game rather than to play the fool. Pays in every possible way. What are you doing with your life?

Go and stand up before the glass and smile to the boy or girl you see there. Doesn't the boy smile back? Doesn't the girl look pleasant, too? Of course. Never forget that people are looking glasses. If you frown, they will. But when you are pleasant, you get your own image back. It is your own fault if you don't live with happy looking people.—Selected.