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DRIVEN FROM HOME,

To the Members of the Toronto Ministerial Association:

GENTLESIEN,—You were pleased at your last session to decide for us less fortunate mortals that card-playing, theatre-going and dancing are heinous sins, for which we should no doubt be humbly thankful. During the discussion, however, of this momentous question, one of your members deliberately went out of his way to insult the men and women of Toronto by an implied charge of licenticuness and indecency, and no one of the reverend gentlemen had outflictent maniliness to stand up and protest against the fair fame of our mothers and sisters, and the morals of men as respectable as yourselves, being defamed by the vile insinastions contained in bis remarks and those of other members. This although there were those present who feel as I do about it. Did I belong to the Toronto Ministerial Association, I certainly should

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on behalf of the sex from the man who
dared to speak of any woman as Dr. Parsons did on that occasion. His speech was
a diagrace not only to your association but
to Christianity, and I for one would not
have believed it possible that ench thingswould be said of the women of Canada
under any circumstances, much less under
the cloak of religion.

Their is spart altogether from the question of the correctness of your finding.
That is probably quite right from your
point of view, although I totally disagree
with you there.

But granting that you were right, and
that no exception could be taken to the
inquence used, do you not think that you
are wasting valuable time in discussing
unch trivial matters when serious questions
demand your attention? Are you aware
of the fact that girls—as dear to their
friends as your own daughters are to you—
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