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safe, and unfit for habitation" by human beings; and in our young city of Winnipeg there are slums which, in loathsomeness, and in their congested and immoral conditions, rival those of the older lands.* Already on our

† As an illustration of what we say about the slums of Winnipeg we subjoin portions of an article which appeared in the "Christian Guardian" on August 19th, 1908, from one of the most prominent ministers of the Methodist Church. In this article he states that the examples given are "no better and no worse than scores of others" that might be referred to.

"Our first visit is to a woman of twenty-eight, by no means repulsive and not in appearance bad. She is morally sound asleep. She is separated from her husband, and has two children, infants, that are not his. Three beds, one table, one bench, two chairs, a stove, which draws badly, a few dishes, never too clean, constitute the furniture. A barrel, with a generous supply of liquor, is prominently in evidence. Smoke fills the house all the time. Eight boarders, all men, share this miserable accommodation with this woman and her two sickly children. Nine adults, three beds, two rooms! And probably these men will help to determine, at the next general election, who shall be Canada's first minister!

"The next household is in the same building. Husband, wife, three little children, the four years and the youngest eight months, two three beds, a stove, table, a barrel of beer, ten persons! The floor swims in liquor, the smells and are intolerable, the husband a drunkard, the wife stupid, and yet the physical condition of the people is not particularly alarming. The husband earns \$1.50 a day in summer, and is idle in winter.

"It is a relief to go hence, if only to the rear of a house, where we find a father who is industrious and works when he can. There is some effort after cleanliness, but with six children and ten men boarders, the best domestic conditions are not obtainable. All seem well, and some knowledge of English has been acquired. The little children go to the kindergarten, but the older ones go to no school, and there is no law to compel their attendance.

"We must now go down into a basement; so watch your steps. Here we find father and mother, and an infant child. He works when he can find unskilled labor to do. There is no occasion for surprise at the dirty condition of the two rooms, where at least