

is the truth. By growing in the habit of truthfulness can we alone expect to escape the fearful doom uttered in the Book of Revelation Ch. 21-8, "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

THE TEMPORALITIES FUND.—By the suspension of the Consolidated Bank it is feared that the large sum of thirty thousand dollars belonging to this fund is hopelessly lost. Mr. Brymner in his able pamphlet referred to elsewhere shows how this fund has been alienated from its original purpose. By the union acts, part of it was given to Queen's College, and part of it to students, catechists, and licentiates who had no direct claim to it. By an injunction of court the managers of the Fund are restrained from paying anything out of it in the meantime, until the question of ownership is decided by the courts. The whole business is most unfortunate.

Much trouble has fallen upon some of our brethern in the upper provinces who have remained out of the union. Some of them have been deprived of their churches and manses by the Union Act of Parliament. How they allowed that act to pass their legislature is incomprehensible. Mr. Sprott the delegate who visited us lately related of one minister, that he found him with his family living in a shanty and worshipping with his congregation in a garret. Their church and manse were taken from them. Mr. Sprott added emphatically "in the interests of righteousness the United Church should enquire into these matters." Our readers will think so too.

CORRECTION.—The sum of \$3.60 placed to the credit of Mr. J. Kennedy, P. E. I. for the year 1879 in last issue was for the year 1878.

Henry Ward Beecher has been lecturing through the Lower Provinces. His lecture on amusements was full of sound sense as well as humour. Besides this it was pervaded by the cheerful tone of a man who receives three or four hundred dollars for each evening's discourse. Foreigners have remarked that Englishmen take their amusements sadly, and have attributed this to the gloom of the climate. In this Province there is a singular dearth of amusement, at least in the greater part of it. Young people seem to have no time for out door games; and old people seem to think it just as well. Beecher maintains that the amusement we indulge in should be such as would strengthen the body as well as the mind and leave a person not wearied and unfit for his lawful employment, but so refreshed or recreated as to enter upon it with zest and energy. He showed the folly of young people keeping late hours at parties and such gatherings, and making themselves quite unfit for their daily business. He held that the man who toiled all day at manual labour should amuse himself with books or some intellectual pursuit; and that those who were confined all day at the desk or counter should recreate themselves with athletic exercises,—that every village of over two thousand inhabitants should have a free public library. He recommended walking, riding on horseback, boating etc. It is doubtless more wholesome to indulge in these recreations than to pass our evenings as many do in criticizing our neighbours and in expressing mournful views as to their present condition and future destiny.

Four of our largest congregations are now vacant. It is not very easy to see where we can secure ministers to fill these vacancies. St. Andrew's congregation Pictou has written to the Colonial Committee for a minister. What their fate may be remains to be seen. It is unlikely that they will offer a stipend of less than twelve or fifteen hundred dollars. With regard to Gareloch it is rumored that a Gaelic-speaking minister now in the union would not be disinclined to accept a call from them and return to his first love.