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Another Scandal.

BY F. S. MATTESON.

Apropos of a scandal which is now in the papers, of a man in Kentucky, named Ware, shooting a Methodist preacher, named Piner, while the Rev. Piner was making a pastoral visit on Ware's wife. It appears that the preacher claimed to have called on the sister to solicit a donation of money for some purpose, when Ware came in and shot him.

The Rev. Piner's excuse appears to me remarkably diaphanous; in the vernacular, too thin. Do men shoot preachers for calling, pastor-

ally, on their wives for proper purposes? Well, hardly.

Anyway, here is a big scandal:—a wounded preacher; a woman (well, I don't know); a family broken up, probably; expense; litigation; acrimony; and life-long unhappiness. And such matters all too common. It is nearly always the preacher and the weak sister. Young people, if you want to escape these troubles, keep out of Christianity and its "pastoral calls."

I am aware that such scandals are not all caused by preachers, but too many of them are.

Turner, Ore.

"Guilded" Points.

BY JOHN P. GUILD.

Beer is bane to brains.

It is cheaper to go to school than to a saloon.

Those who won't learn hate those who will.

Treason to liberty is odious, for loyalty to tyranny is damnable.

Treason against tyranny is gracious, for loyalty to liberty is patriotism.

Do not set yourself up as an example for others, nor follow other's examples.

Judgment by sentiment may show more loyalty of heart than logic of head.

It is time enough to be a martyr when driven to the stake; don't hunt up the stake and shout for the fagots.

The hatophone is the earliest talking machine on record; that is what Adam heard when he thought it was the voice of the Lord God.

How will the term "agnostarchy" do as a name for government by ignoramuses? There is more of that sort than of any other in the world.

The only blessedness of a rational being is in the free exercise of his own rationality. The only glory is in doing good; and until injustice is destroyed, there is no good so great as the destruction of injustice.

The hatophone never was patented; that is why so many people have always talked through their hats so much. As the hatophone is common property, that is why each individual calls his own ignorance, or hatogram, "common sense."

Go missionarying with your Torch of Reason; no other "tracts" are half as good for the purpose. It will astonish you almost as much to see how much Christian people are astonished to learn by them of the Liberal University, as the Christians are astonished themselves.

Cobbler, stick to thy last!

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