

TO THE PUBLIC

Some weeks since the mismanagement of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at this place culminated in an exhibition of brutality towards two of the inmates that prompted the G.A.R. to take decisive measures in the premises, the result of which has been to place the girls in friendly hands and rid the Home of its matron. But one more thing remains to be done, and that is to bring Dr. Bourns before our courts, there to answer certain charges, as we had intended to do with the matron, and should still do were it not that we do not desire to place the county at any cost. In the midst of our efforts in the name of humanity we were confronted with a letter signed by David McConaughy, in which the writer attempts to rob two defenceless girls, the orphans of soldiers, of the only thing that was left them in their poverty, and send them upon the world bereft of character and good name. Who would receive into their family an "incorrigible" girl? What does not that word mean, taken in its full import?

Under such circumstances we felt bound to defend them to the best of our poor ability, and if we have, as we are free to admit, gone into the slums and "fish markets" in our previous communications, (and for which we apologize to the public," it is because we were forced to sink to the level of our subject, and the gentleman should have known before he placed himself in a position to receive such a chastisement, whether a reiteration of his own reputation would become so offensive to himself as to lead him to cry out, in the pain of his castigation, SKUNK! SKUNK!

The fact that so much of what he terms scandal could be learned in one short year, as he has put it, is but an evidence of the opinion in which he is held by the community in which he lives, and we congratulate ourselves not only with respect to what we have achieved in reference to the Home, but also that we have been enabled to teach even the Hon. David McConaughy a lesson that will be remembered to his benefit. With many apologies to the gracious public, we remain

Very respectfully
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