AN UNSAVORY AFFAIR.

We have received, as intimated in yesterday's issue, a communication from "A Private" of Company D, Sixth Infantry, stationed at Camp Douglas. It quotes a notice which appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune a few days ago of a marriage performed by a Methodist clergyman of this city, the presiding elder of that church in this District, the Rev. Mr. Illif, being out of town at the time. The parties who were wedded were a private soldier of the Sixth Infantry and a colored prostitute.

Some person sent us to the same notice that appeared in the Tribune, but we threw it into the waste paper basket.

Our correspondent goes into detail and states, beyond the fact of the marriage, that the soldier for whom the ceremony was performed was strictly under the influence of liquor at the time and therefore not in his right senses. He characterizes the whole affair as most disgraceful, and brings to light the restrictions upon the clergyman who officiated, and further states that the Sixth U. S. Infantry feel disgraced by it, as it might be considered a reflection upon the service of the regiment, the wearing of the uniform, and the presence of liquor to any extent. He also says, in further extenuation in reference to the miscegenation part of the affair, that it is the living body, the soldier, whom he describes as of dark complexion, who is a colored man. In addition the gentleman, who performed the ceremony: he is secret of having made a mistake, which he would not commit again under similar circumstances.

We consider this explanation due to our correspondent in view of our decision under the circumstances to publish in full, as it will doubly caustic. We will further say that no people of sense will be so unjust, and lacking in the power of discrimination, as to believe a whole regiment or any part of it on the parade ground, and connected with it being associated with a very disgraceful affair. The Sixth Infantry need not pay attention to the solemnities because of an adjudgment, who, however, are in our opinion, comparatively few. And as the gentleman who performed the ceremony, in his proper conditions acknowledges his error, we do not consider that it would be proper for us to flout his name before the public in that connection, that having been done, it would be an open breach of promise in which the notice appeared.

As we have stated that no stigma should attach to the Sixth Infantry, as a body on account of the ill conduct of one of its soldiers, so do we all in reference to the Methodist Church. No blame should attach to that religious body, as an occurrence of that nature is an error committed by one of its clergyman.