

## A TENNESSEE SCANDAL.

MISS STEVENS RECOVERS \$5,000 FROM A  
MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 22.—The celebrated suit of Miss Tabitha Stevens against Goodloe Woods, of Fayetteville, which has been on trial for 10 days, terminated this morning, the plaintiff being awarded a judgment for \$5,000. Miss Stevens, who charged Mr. Woods with seduction, asked for five times the amount named. Woods, who is possessed of considerable wealth, is 60 years old and a man of family. Miss Stevens is 24 years of age and good looking. The two have been acquainted 12 years. Miss Stevens's father is an invalid, and her mother has walked on crutches for 50 years. About a year ago Miss Stevens brought an action for damages against Woods, claiming that he had ruined her. Woods had not only been a prominent minister of the Gospel, but had also served as President of the First National Bank of Fayetteville. When the case came up for trial both sides were represented by the ablest counsel in that section, and public opinion was divided.

Miss Stevens, being placed upon the witness stand, told her story with much earnestness and an occasional flow of tears. She said that Woods had been criminally intimate with her on several occasions, and that overcome with a sense of her shame she had attempted suicide on three occasions, taking from one to several teaspoonsful of morphine. She subsequently told relatives and friends of her trouble, and by their advice she entered the suit, attaching Woods's property to provide for an emergency. A brother-in-law of Miss Stevens swore that Woods had insulted his wife, and confessed to her that he had ruined her sister. The jury was charged on Saturday evening and returned a verdict to-day.

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