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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We beg to request the indulgence of our readers should the March number of the INSTRUCTOR be delayed a little, as we find it necessary to be absent from home for a few weeks; and it may be

possible that the next number of our Magazine will not be issued until the beginning of April. Our correspondents will also please defer writing to us until about that time.

THE ACCUSERS OF THE BRETHREN.

We have no words adequate to express our regret that a society such as the so-called Church Association, should exist in our midst, in the noon-day glare of the nineteenth century, having, for its unintentional object, we hope, the manifest works of the devil. It has recently flooded the land with circulars of a most irreligious character, designed by the writers to counteract the influence of the clergy in the dissemination of divine truth among the people; as well as to kindle and keep alive amongst them the spirit of strife and contention. And if these inflammatory circulars have not the effect of lessening the Christian influence of the Pastor over his flock, as well as the authority of the Holy Scriptures, it will not be the fault of those who have introduced them to the public. We appeal in vain to the Scriptures, but what do those gentlemen care for the authority of God's word, when that word comes in contact with their own aggrandizement and self ambition?

They really do, every one of them, give us to understand that they consider themselves to be a republic of *male* and *female* Popes, from whose judgment, on all theological questions, it would be extreme folly to appeal. Our blessed Lord promises to be with his Apostles, that is with the office, unto the end of the world, but these little popes pronounce this doctrine of Christ to be what they are pleased to call "*Bosh*." See *B. H. Dixon on Fasting*. Jesus says to the Apostles, whom he had chosen, "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you," but these popes say no such thing; that Christ has no representatives on earth. Jesus again says, to the same persons, and through them to their successors, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." But these gentlemen give the world to understand that had they been present when Christ uttered the words, they would have taught him better; and we are quite sure that if he had not yielded to their wishes they would have issued