

step which I have now taken, distressing as it has been.

And now, turning from my parishioners to the members of the Church Association, I beg to say that with reference to anything I do or teach to which they take exception, I am, as far as my poor ability goes, ready and willing to discuss our differences in a fair and courteous spirit, if discussion is deemed necessary; but I shall certainly resent "slander" which was, and is my complaint against the Chief Justice, speaking for the Church Association; and I shall treat with the silent disdain they merit any repetition of the assaults of one who, notwithstanding his assumption of learning, has been unable, as his production proves, to rise above the coarseness of his early

associations; no gentleman could, by any possibility, have put forth such a document; and I am not disposed to hold the members of the body whom he professes to befriend, responsible for what, I am sure, has given many of them unaffected pain. I know numbers of them who however strong may be their theological feelings, are high-minded men who can have no sympathy with such an attack; and I am not without hope that they may be induced, by their own feeling of honour and self-respect, publicly to disavow any complicity with it.

I remain, yours &c.,

W. STEWART DARLING.

Holy Trinity Parsonage,  
Toronto, March 6th, 1874.

#### THE DELAY LAST MONTH.

WE feel it necessary to apologise to our subscribers for the non-appearance of the last month's number of the *INSTRUCTOR*. Being from home during the month of March, and part of February, we found it impossible to return earlier than passion week, and consequently were unable to issue the March number of our Magazine. We are now obliged to issue both it and the April number in one, but we beg to assure our readers that they shall have the full compliment for which they subscribed. We have already mailed to all those who have subscribed for the *INSTRUCTOR* during the month of February and March, and we hope in future to be able to issue our monthly regularly on the second Wednesday in every

month, and we take this opportunity returning our thanks to the numerous friends who have by their subscriptions so materially aided us in the publication of the *THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTOR*. We hope to merit a continuance of their approbation, and are happy now to say that our little magazine is taken and read by the leading and prominent families in the Dominion, and that already our circulation has trebled our most sanguine expectations.

#### OUR ABSENCE.

WE regretted exceedingly, that in consequence of our recent absence from the Dominion, we were not able to accept the many invitations which