

For that the action of Huron College Council* on April 26, 1879, which, to say the least of it, was founded on grave misunderstanding, *was of this character*, must, I think, be manifest to all who have carefully read what has been written about that sad proceeding; and *that* without even the weak excuse by which those misguided parties, it is thought, try to justify their cruel and illegal doings.

It was not until after having exhausted all efforts, as I have already shown, to have this grave misunderstanding explained, that I felt impelled to give my "explanations" to the public. Since then, we have had various letters and pamphlets, from various writers, challenging investigation, and pointing out other serious matters which require explanation; no reply or explanation from the parties implicated has been vouchsafed; and although one of these parties has publicly stated that these writings are "untruthful," and has been publicly called upon to point out the untruths, yet, so far, he has remained silent, leaving the impression, I fancy, on most minds that *he has stated what he cannot prove*; or perhaps he has been taught by past experience that "the better part of valour is discretion;" or, maybe, he is reserving his "eloquence" for our Synod meeting, where he has already given us sad exhibitions of his powers.

* It was nominally the action of *the Council* as a body, but there are several of the members who were not present at any of the meetings last year, and have, as yet, taken no part in the matter, and therefore they are not really to blame; and it is hard to believe that *Laymen* of the character and standing of the absent members would, on any pretense, lend themselves to such proceedings.