

"to an address at the Union Prayer Meeting on Monday evening." In this pitiful apology you admit the fact that you did write to a Minister to make one of the appointments.

If it is really a fact that after writing the letter which you say Mr. Burnet remembers "that you did propose for Mr. Guinness to preach for him on the Wednesday evening, though you cannot, however, *recall the fact of having written the letter which Mr. Burnet describes,*" you had better save your "pity." Perhaps you can find amongst your own papers Mr. Burnet's suggestion in answer to your letter, that the address at the Union Prayer Meeting would be open to Mr. Guinness, instead of Wednesday. If so, I may expect you to make the necessary acknowledgment that you tried to pre-engage him four days in advance to cover the week-day service of Knox's Church.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES WALKER.

[NOTE—This part of the correspondence reveals the whole plot. Mr. Guinness was first announced in the *Spectator* of Saturday, the 13th of May, and on the previous evening every day had been filled up except *Wednesday*. Monday, the Union Prayer Meeting, when there could be service nowhere else; Tuesday, Dr. Ormiston's; Thursday, McNab Street; Friday, the Baptist; and, *after that*, he "had determined on preaching no more in Churches." The fatal note from the Rev. David Inglis to the Rev. R. Burnet, *dated on Saturday*, asking him for his pulpit *on Wednesday* evening, seals the affair; from it there is no escape—and then on Friday evening comes the announcement he will alternate between Dr. Ormiston and Mr. Inglis. And it is a notable fact, that though a clear and explicit arrangement had been made for the Rev. Jas. Middlemiss to preach on the morning of Sabbath, the 12th May, in Doctor Ormiston's Church, he was withdrawn—not by Dr. Ormiston, but by Mr. Inglis—and Mr. Guinness sent there to preach, and by this means Dr. Ormiston was made a sleeping partner.]