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lished, to be used whenever and wherever
darkness or power would admit of it,—we
say how could our much esteemed and long
proved friend, under such circumstances,
declare to the world, that he had given in
that letter "*as far as known*, the causes
which led to that disastrous event?" Does
he say that he needed direct and competent
testimony before he could speak? but had
he not their own testimony that they were
going with sufficient force and purpose to
establish four stations as above? and was
he not giving a mass of most unreliable and
professedly Indian testimony that bore most
prejudicially against the Americans? Why
did he not (if he would give details as far
as known,) give the world the fact, that
Mr. McBean's letter also stated in some
form, that the Indians reported themselves
as starting three parties, one to the saw-
mill, one to Mr. Spalding's station, and one
to Mr. Hinman's station at the Dalls, for
the avowed purpose of cutting off the fam-
ilies at those places? Was it not because
this would reflect, not upon Americans, but
upon Mr. McBean, a Roman Catholic, who
had written this information, and sent his
express right past Mr. Hinman and the other
American families at that place, without
the least note of warning to them, as to the
Indian report contained in the letter, that a
war party was to be expected soon to cut
them off, or that the station at Waialatu
had been destroyed? This having been
hidden from Mr. Hinman, resulted in his
joining that express at his place, and com-
ing down to Vancouver with it, and being
present when the letter was opened, and
the soul-petrifying announcement read, that
a party was to perform for his station what
they had already performed for the Doctor's.

Two days before Mr. Douglas wrote this
letter for the Islands, it appears he wrote
one to Gov. Abernethy which appeared in
the Spectator of Dec. 9th, '47, in which we
find the following,—

"A copy of Mr. McBean's letter here-
with, will give you all the particulars,
known to us, of this indescribably painful
event."

In publishing this copy of Mr. McBean's

letter, the Spectator gives no announce-
ment of having garbled this letter, and we
had supposed they published it in full, as
they obtained it; but no account of the
three parties appears in it.

Mr. Hinman enquired in the 2d No. of
the American, of those able to answer to
the public, as to the propriety of sending an
express past his station, without addressing
him a note announcing to him their danger
at his station; and also the propriety of
withholding from the public such parts of
Mr. McBean's letter as spoke of the three
parties about to start for massacring the
other stations. To satisfy ourselves that
there could be no mistake as to Mr. Hin-
man's having heard correctly read from
that letter, that three parties were about
leaving on the awful business specified, we
enquired of our friend P. S. Ogden, Esq.,
second in charge at Vancouver, who was
present at the first reading of the letter, as
to how he accounted for Mr. McBean's
having written such information in that let-
ter, without informing Mr. Hinman of the
same thing by same express? He instant-
ly replied, "It was but an Indian report at
the best" and that Mr. McBean had by
this wise course saved the lives of his Loats
crew as they went up, as an alarm at that
station would have made it impossible for
his boats' crew to have got by the Indians
at that place: But Mr. Ogden sold ammuni-
tion to the same Indians on the way up
with his boat, on the ground, as specified
in the Spectator by Mr. Douglas, that that
people were friendly. We however at this
time, only speak of this, as Mr. Ogden's con-
firmation of Mr. Hinman's declaration that
*that letter did contain an account of three
parties being about to leave as specified a-
bove.*—Ed.

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To Correspondents.—W. J———, has
been received and will appear in our next.
R. W. F. on Education, also in our next.

A Bachelor, and C. W. F. soon.

A. Evans, on creeds, *continued*, probably al-
so in our next No.

We have received a long communication
from the able pen of our friend P. H. Bur-
nett, Esq., touching the massacre; some four
or five pages of which, we shall be happy
to give in our next, the whole being too
long for one No.