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In malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.—*St. Paul.*

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## WESTERN CANADA.

The following paper would have been inserted in last number but for the press of other matter.

### FOR THE HARBINGER.

MR. EDITOR,—With thanks for your insertion of our former communication, I send you the subjoined, and shall be obliged by your publishing it, if possible, in the ensuing number of the Harbinger.

On Tuesday, July 5th, the deputation of the Congregational Mission for Canada West, in company with Rev. W. Hayden of Cobourg, visited the Indian settlement at Rice Lake, in the absence of the men, who were generally out shooting and fishing. They visited from house to house, and conversed with the women concerning the Kingdom of God, and in their humble sanctuary sang, "Let the Indian, let the Negro,—Let the rude barbarian see," &c. Although it is evident that their native prejudices and habits still have a powerful hold upon them, it is delightful to mark the advances they have made both in civilization and religion, since they have been partakers of "like precious faith with us."

Having spent a few days with their own flocks, the deputation recommenced their labors in behalf of our Infant Missions, on Lord's day, July 17th, when sermons were preached at Guelph, by Rev. W. Clarke of London, and at Eramosa, by Rev. W. P. Wastell of Guelph.

On Monday evening, a very interesting Missionary Meeting was held in the Congregational Chapel, Guelph, which was appropriately addressed by Rev. Messrs. Brownell and Fawcett, Wesleyans, and Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Harris, Denny, and Wastell, Congregationalists.

On Tuesday evening, there was a Temperance Soirée, of the Guelph Society, in the Court House,

when addresses were delivered by the President, C. J. Mickle, Esq., and by the above-named Ministers; as the result of which we trust a new impetus will be given to the good cause in this rising town.

On Wednesday evening, two members of the deputation, Rev. S. Harris and W. P. Wastell, held a Temperance meeting, at Irvineside, near Fergus, where the cause is in an interesting and encouraging state.

On Thursday evening, a Missionary meeting was convened, in Mr. M'Grea's School House, near Guelph, at which addresses were delivered by the deputation, assisted by Mr. T. Hodgskin, Student in the Congregational Academy, Toronto.

On Lord's day, July 24th, Missionary Sermons were preached in the Congregational Chapel, London. In the morning, after a Sermon by the Rev. S. Harris, on the subject of Missions in general, Deacon Hart was ordained to the work of an evangelist. The Rev. W. Clarke asked the usual questions, and offered the Ordination prayer; Rev. W. P. Wastell delivered the charge, and concluded the solemnities of the morning, by commending the newly ordained laborer to the confidence and sympathies of the Church with which he is identified, of the Churches of the Congregational Union of Canada West, of the Church of Christ at large. In the afternoon and evening, the Rev. W. P. Wastell preached, in behalf of Missions, and the Rev. S. Harris preached in the evening at Westminster, for the same object.

On Monday evening, a public Missionary Meeting was held in the Congregational Chapel, London, which appeared deeply interested in the addresses of the Rev. Messrs. Holtby and Noble, Wesleyans, and of the several members of the deputation.

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