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

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COMMUNICATIONS.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE HARBINGER.

LONDON, Western Canada, May, 2 1482.

GENTLEMEN,—I presume, from the non appearance in our pages of a notice, I sent you of the ordination of the Rev. L. Mc'Glashan, that it did not come to hand, or that you overlooked it in the "London Inquirer" which contained it.

I have hitherto delayed writing in order to send you a remittance as well as a correct list of subscribers for your interesting periodical, which I am happy to inform you gives much satisfaction where it is known in these parts.

On the 10th ult., I had the high gratification of forming a Congregational Church in the Township of Southwold, 18 miles from hence. The two previous days were employed in preaching and conversational meetings preparatory to the Sabbath engagements. After stating the nature of a Christian Church and the consequent duties of its members, about twenty were united in the fellowship of the gospel and partook of the Lord's Supper in the presence of a crowded, attentive, and tearful audience. At the conclusion of the service, two of the brethren were called to the Deacon's office and were appointed thereto by solemn dedicatory prayer. Another of their number was unanimously called to take the pastoral charge over them in the Lord. This worthy brother is a Mr. Joseph Sileon. He was formerly a member of the Independent Church at Frome, England, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Spelding Curwen, from whom he brought the highest testimonials as to character and conduct. He received ordination from a regularly ordained minister in this country a few years ago, and since his residence here has exercised an itinerant ministry, so far as his attention to his farm

would admit. He gathered a few, in Church-fellowship some years ago, but who were scattered by the late miserable rebellion.

Since my settlement in London and Westminster, I have had frequent opportunities of seeing him, and have much pleasure in introducing him to my brethren as a consistent Christian and useful fellow labourer in the Lord's Vineyard. It has pleased God, in a very gracious manner to smile upon this neighbourhood; during the past winter almost every family in the rural district for a distance of several miles have been stirred up to seek the Lord, and nearly one hundred have been added to different sections of the Church of Christ. Several causes have combined to bring about this revival, such as the formation of a Sunday School—revival meetings—bereaving providences and last, though not least, an awakening ministry. It is truly delightful as in this neighbourhood to see parents with their children "asking their way to Zion with their faces thitherward," and "joining themselves to the Lord in the bonds of an everlasting covenant, never to be forgotten," and there are some among them who powerfully illustrates the apostle's remarks: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

In the afternoon, the Church and Congregation again assembled, and after a discourse, from "Why baptizest thou?" in which *infant baptism*, was recognized as the seal of the covenant of grace and as the practice of the apostles and primitive Christians—preserving the Supreme Authority of Christ, the doctrines of the Trinity—original sin—Regeneration, &c. in the Church—and by the united prayers then presented—and by their solemn responsibilities, of which parents are reminded as being adapted to promote the present and spiritual happiness of the baptized—a number of children