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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.

GENTLEMEN,—As you have expressed a wish to obtain for the *Harbinger* denominational and local intelligence, allow me to inform you of an interesting revival which has recently taken place in the Burford Congregational Church. In compliance with a resolution passed at our last annual meeting of the Union, in favour of extra efforts for a wider extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in our respective localities, we commenced, on the 15th of last month, a series of special services, with a view to this important object. The meetings, with two exceptions, were held two and more frequently three times each day for fourteen days successively. For four days in the beginning, I was favoured with the valuable assistance of the Rev. W. Clarke, of London; the other ten days I was left to labour alone. The members of the church, who gave me their hearty co-operation, were greatly revived and blessed by these special efforts. The congregations, which, at the more public services would average from 200 to upwards of 300 persons, appeared to hear the word with the greatest seriousness, and many were deeply affected. From 20 to 30 avowed their determination to break away from the world and consecrate themselves to the Lord, while a number more, who were pricked in their hearts, are smarting under the force of truth. At all our meetings we were favoured, in an eminent degree, with the Divine presence and blessing; and although many were greatly excited, we observed rigidly the apostolic injunction, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

I have recently been invited to the township of Norwich, to form a number of the professed disci-

ples of Jesus into a Christian Church, and for this purpose spent a Sabbath with them, whilst my pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Mr. Marr, of Simco. On my arrival I was informed that two of the candidates for church membership had never been baptized, and as they had been brought up amongst Baptist friends, had all their prejudices in favour of their mode of baptism, and therefore desired to be immersed. We met at a creek, about a quarter of a mile from the meeting house, at ten o'clock in the morning, two Baptist elders being present. One gave out a hymn and the other engaged in prayer; after which I delivered an address to the spectators, and though nothing was said that could be regarded as offensive by the Baptist friends, I considered it my duty to avow myself to be a Pede-Baptist, and to assign my reasons for complying with the request of the candidates, and while we allowed to each other perfect liberty of conscience, the best of feeling appeared to pervade the whole assembly. After changing my clothes, I proceeded to the meeting house, where a crowd had collected together, and were anxiously waiting to hear the glorious gospel of the Blessed God. After the morning service was over, we proceeded to the organization of the church, when about twenty sat down together around the table of our blessed Lord, in the midst of a crowd of spectators, and after delivering a suitable address both to the members and the assembly, we closed this interesting service. I preached to them again in the evening, and notwithstanding the badness of the roads, and the darkness of the night, the place was again filled, and such were the impressions made on the minds of the people, and the interest excited, that several said if I could only stay two or three days with them, much good would be the result. But this was in-