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

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## WESTERN CANADA.

It affords us no small gratification to lay before our readers the following items of intelligence from Western Canada; they are indicative of the happy progress of Apostolic Christianity in our country.

On 23rd November last, Mr. James Vincent (who was sent to Canada by the Colonial Missionary Society, about two years back, in order to finish his preparatory duties in the Upper Canada Congregational Academy), was ordained to the pastoral office in the Congregational Church of New Market, Home District. The Rev. L. Kribs was suddenly called upon, in the absence of Rev. W. O. Wastell, to give the Introductory Discourse, which he did in a most effective manner. The Rev. J. Roaf, offered the Ordination Prayer. The Rev. S. Lillie, gave the young minister a very excellent charge. And the Rev. S. Harris gave the outline of a discourse to the people.

Mr. Vincent's labours at New Market are very acceptable, and already to some extent useful. If he realize all the happiness and success, that his friends and ministerial brethren expect for him, he will be a highly favoured minister of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Congregational Church was opened for regular worship at Boulton's Valley, Albion, Home District, on December 15. It is a handsome well-built edifice of unburnt bricks—and stands on a beautiful and convenient elevation. Large congregations attended the ser-

vices, when the Rev. W. Hayden, of Cobourg, preached in the morning—and the Rev. J. Roaf, in the afternoon. This place is at present supplied with evangelical ministrations by the Rev. S. Harris of Vaughan—but it is hoped that ere long it will be the centre of operations for some other minister.

On Wednesday, the 28th December, the Rev. S. King (late of the U. C. Congregational Academy), was ordained at Georgetown in Esquising, Gore District. A vast audience assembled on the occasion, and the solemnities took place in the Methodist Chapel. The Rev. J. Roaf delivered a discourse on "Ordination" Rev. A. Lillie asked of the Minister and Church, the usual questions. Rev. J. Nali, of Burford, offered the prayer of designation and a large number of ministers joined in "the laying on of hands." Rev. S. Harris, of Vaughan gave the young minister a faithful and able charge, and the Rev. W. P. Wastell, of Guelph, preached to the people with power. The beloved young brother, thus ordained has a very laborious sphere; but he will have all needed grace if he remember the adage "*bene orasse, est bene studuisse.*"

## ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Rev. H. Wilkes has recently received a very interesting communication from the Pastor of the Congregational Church, St. John's Newfoundland, in reply to some inquiries he made regarding that Island; and he has kindly per-