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

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WESTERN CANADA.

CONGRATULATORY MEETING ON OCCASION OF THE RETURN OF THE REV. JOHN ROAF TO HIS CHARGE AT TORONTO.

On the evening of Thursday, the 27th October, the Members of the Church and Congregation here, to the number of about two hundred, partook of tea together in the basement story of the Chapel, as an expression of their joy for the safe return of their Pastor, the Rev. J. Roaf, who arrived in Toronto the Saturday evening previous, after an absence of nearly seven months in England, on the business of the Colonial Missionary Society. After tea, the admirable arrangements for which reflected much credit upon the Ladies, the Rev. Samuel Harris, of Pine Grove, gave out a Hymn, which was sung. Mr. Lillie, by request, then tendered to Mr. Roaf, the congratulations of the Deacons and Members of the Church and Congregation, assuring him in their name, of the interest which they had felt in him during his absence, their pleasure in seeing him again among them, and desire for his long continued usefulness and happiness, and readiness to cooperate with him in his endeavours to promote God's cause, whether among themselves or others. These assurances Mr. Roaf acknowledged and reciprocated with much feeling, declaring his warm attachment to his people, his anxiety to be useful to them in the Gospel, and his purpose to devote himself to their spiritual interests with an increased earnestness and vigour. After which, he presented the assembly with an animated sketch of his engagements while absent from them, and of the present religious condition and prospects of England, and so far as they had come under his notice, especially of the Congregational Churches. Approp-

iate addresses followed, from the Rev. Messrs. Harris, Pine Grove, and McGlashan, Warwick, and Mr. Hlickson, (Deacon), when the party separated, after prayer by Mr. Roaf, preceded by a brief but solemn address on the relation subsisting between himself and his flock, and the responsibilities thence resulting. The occasion was one deeply interesting, much calculated to encourage Mr. R. in his labours, and to excite and foster in all, those feelings on which the Minister's usefulness and the people's edification so much depend.

FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The French Canadian Missionary Society has occupied several stations in this vicinity, to which I will now refer.

It was not thought well to commence operations in this city, until some person was procured under whose judicious superintendence and by whose weight of character, the movement might possess all the elements of success.

Nevertheless, a place of worship was procured, that meetings might be held when occasion served, and the experiment might be made. Our Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Tanner, has not resided in town, but the room leased by the Society has been granted to Mr. Lapelletrie, who has been ordained to the ministry. He still occupies it on the Sabbath, although not connected with us, and is blessed with a measure of success. Whenever it seems advisable, a mission will be organized here, and our place of worship be opened for the stated ministrations of the Gospel in the French Language, under the direction of Mr. Tanner.

Terrebonne.—About twenty miles north of this