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

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WESTERN CANADA.

From the "London (C. W.) Inquirer."

Last Sabbath evening the Rev. W. Clarke, Congregational Minister, preached a Farewell Discourse to his Congregation. We understand that Simcoe, Talbot District, is to be the sphere of his future labours.

On Monday evening, the members of his Church and Congregation assembled for the purpose of presenting him with a purse of money for the purchase of a copy of the quarto edition of Scott's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures.

We beg to lay before our readers the address and reply presented on the occasion.

An Address to the Rev. W. Clarke, from the People of his Charge.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the united Congregational Church and Congregation of London and Westminster, feel desirous of expressing our gratitude and love to you, for your faithful, affectionate and zealous endeavors to promote our good during the time you have had the Pastoral charge over us.—And when we remember that it is to you, under a merciful and kind Providence, that we owe our existence as a Christian Church, and that it is to your active and persevering exertions we are indebted for this neat and comfortable place of worship, we feel that we should be guilty of at least the appearance of ingratitude, were we to suffer you to leave us without presenting you with some token of our esteem and regard, and also to express our deep regret at your removal from us. We therefore request you to accept from us, as a testimony that you have not laboured in vain amongst us, a copy of Scott's Commentary on

the Scriptures, or rather twenty five dollars for procuring the quarto edition of that work. Although it is not an expensive present, yet it is an invaluable one, being the Word of God, and one that your enlightened mind, and affectionate heart, will know well how to prize. That God may, in his mercy, long spare your life to meditate therein, and grant you much of the assistance of the Holy Spirit, that you may be abundantly useful to the people of your future charge, at Simcoe, or elsewhere—and that the God of all grace may bless you, your beloved partner, and your dear and interesting family, with every spiritual and temporal blessing, is the affectionate wish and sincere prayer of your late Flock.

Congregational Chapel,
London, May 15, 1843.

REPLY.

My dear Brother, the Deacon, and the Members of this Church and Congregation—I gratefully accept of your very valuable present; and beg to assure you, that no gift could be more acceptable, or highly prized as a token of your confidence and affection.

I am thankful to my heavenly Father, that through the grace of God bestowed upon me, my spirit and behaviour, and services have been acceptable and useful, and have won for me your affectionate esteem. This remembrance, I shall fondly cherish, it shall excite me to renewed diligence, and zeal in the important work, to which I have devoted my life; and in my disappointments and dejections, I shall turn with pleasure to that *memento* of your regard, "Scott's invaluable commentary,"—not only as containing the words of eternal life—the exceeding great and precious promises of the God of salvation, but as the