

waters'—ah! how unlike that sweet valley in our own dear isle, with

'Her purest of crystal and brightest of green!'

—the rapid river hastens on through a fertile country, until it pours its tribute into the lap of St. Clair, some miles below Chatham. Long previous to the foundation of the town, the surrounding country was well settled, and contained many wealthy farmers, and the spot was called by the uncouth familiar appellation of 'The Forks.'

In another place, we have a reference to the University of Toronto, or, as it was called in 1848, the University of King's College. At that time the work of the University was carried on in the Parliament Buildings, the Government having been removed, when the two Canadas were united, from Toronto to Montreal. A flagstaff is also spoken of in Government House grounds, whereon, when the Governor was here, a flag used to be displayed. After numerous vicissitudes of local history, it is pleasant in 1876 to have our Parliament Buildings at Toronto again put to their proper use; and to see the symbol of a Governor's presence amongst us again floating over the same Government House grounds, which had been for a time deserted. A humorous allusion occurs to the fact that while the University was in occupation of the central Parliament Building, one of the wings of the same building was made a receptacle for lunatics. It is singular that it has been the fate of the University, since its removal to its present magnificent quarters, to have again become a close neighbour to a receptacle for lunatics. "The long ranges of red brick, towards the left of the view," Maple Leaf says, speaking of an engraving of Toronto, "were once tuneful with the eloquence of our legislators, but are now the peaceful retreat of learning. In the main structure and west wing are the temporary halls and lecture rooms of our noble university, while the building on the east is at present occupied by the Lunatic Asylum, a playful illustration of the poetic adage,

'Great Wit to Madness nearly is allied.'

"A little in the rear," the account of the engraving goes on to say, "above a thick plantation, may be seen the staff which, in days gone by, was wont to bear the flag that indicated to the lieges of Toronto the presence of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the official residence embosomed by those dark trees."

Maple Leaf, who thus in 1848, and ten years earlier it may be said, was the first to call forth with sensible effect, and mould into