

should go, according to my view the next, indeed the only hope would be the promotion of some Government on a still larger scale, more or less like a federation, which shall gather up the reins and control the St. Lawrence, as well as the Western and Eastern waters. I do not undertake to say," he adds, "that I should be for framing a Government strictly 'federal'—that is, one in which the (?) residue of power belonged to the local governments, and the limited power to the central one. It is possible, nay, probable in my opinion, that the local powers should be the limited ones, and the central power the unlimited one. We start, not from the separate existence of five or six independent states, but from the fact that all are already provinces subject to the same sovereign. All this, I think, matter for grave discussion ; full of difficulties, but not therefore impracticable or absurd." In 1856 again we have Sir Edmund, in a letter from Toronto to the same friend, making the following startling observation: "I think," he says, "the Toronto University and its Colleges give about as much trouble as the rest of the Government business put together." Now that the storms alluded to are all over, how pleasant to hear or read these words !

With my literary relics relating to the United States I shall be very brief. I show first a volume from the library of William Penn, a splendid copy of the first edition of Gilbert Wats' translation of Bacon's *Instauratio Magna*, printed at Oxford in 1640, with Marshall's portrait and mystical title-page ; the whole dedicated to Charles I. in a Latin inscription, in which that king is styled "*Dominus Virginie et Vastorum Territoriorum adjacentium et dispersarum Insularum in Oceano Occidentali.*" The bookplate therein exhibits the arms of the Penn family, and underneath, the following: "William Penn, Esq., Proprietor of Pensylvania. 1703." The motto is *Dum clavum teneam*, "Let me but hold the helm." The family motto, as given by Burke, is *Dum clavum rectum teneam*, "Let me but hold the helm aright"—which accords with the verse of Ennius, from which the words are borrowed. The omission of *rectum* makes the sentiment savour of ambition. It may be observed that the first syllable of "Pensylvania" has only one *n*; and so the name of the province appears in the older Gazetteers, and in early French works. Penn survived the date on his bookplate fifteen years. On several pages of my copy of the *Instauratio* there are marginal annotations in manuscript which are probably from the