

# THE MAPLE LEAF.



A Canadian Xmas Annual.

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## THE EDITOR'S CHRISTMAS GREETING.

CHRISTMAS once more ! The season  
Of joy and peace on earth,  
When all is full to overflow  
Of happiness and mirth ;  
When every heart with gladness  
Is fain to chirp and sing ;  
When care and crabbed fancies fly,  
And kindness is king.

And, lo, the Christmas Genius  
The blazing hearth beside,  
With kindly glance and friendly smile  
Is watching o'er our task, the while,  
Our reader's leisure to beguile,  
We labour to provide  
Fresh flights of airy fancy,  
New thoughts in prose and rhyme,  
With many a fair design of art  
Well suited to the time.