

## THE CALLIOPH.

not by actual trial discovered (greatly to our satisfaction) that it was not so distant as we imagined. Our first attempts, we confess, were most miserable and woful failures; but we allowed not that to dishearten us; persevering amidst all discouraging appearances, we have attained to our present proficiency. It is true our present attempts are not very brilliant productions, but we do not assert too much in saying they are passably good. We design by practice to bring them to much greater perfection. What power of composition we now have, we owe entirely to persevering practice and application. Try you and see if you won't arrive at the same result. We will not again request you to contribute to our columns; we have done so sufficiently often; we fancied the performance of what we asked would be a pleasure to you; we have, discovered our error; our requests carried any further would descend to importunities, disagreeable alike to you and to us. If any of you, however, should muster sufficient courage, energy and determination to lift and wield the pen, we will always be most happy to receive the result of such lifting and wielding.

There is no trait of human character so potential for weal or woe as firmness. Before its irresistible energy the most formidable obstacles become as cobweb barriers in its path. Difficulties, the terror of which causes the pampered sons of luxury to shrink back with dismay; provoke from the man of lofty determination, only a smile. The whole history of our race—all nature indeed, teems with examples to show what wonders may be accomplished by resolute perseverance and patient toil.

The pursuit of knowledge tends to cultivate and to form the mind, but the most important business is to form the heart; that is, to become an honest man. As such, one will abhor injustice, lies, pride and avarice. If a person, though possessed of the finest understanding and greatest knowledge, should be a liar, cruel, proud, covetous, he will be hated and detested by every human creature, and shunned like a wild beast.

### Varieties.

We have all heard of asking for money and getting advice; but a gentleman may be considered as still worse treated when he asks a young lady's hand and gets her father's foot.

A convict wrote a letter to his brother, a serious letter, without an attempt at a joke, which, however, concluded thus: "I must leave off now, for my feet are so cold I can not hold my pen."

'Why does father call mother honey?' asked a boy of his elder brother. 'Can't tell, 'cept it's because she has a large comb in her head.'

'Master at home?'—'No, sir, he's out.'—'Mistress at home?'—'No, sir, she's out.'—'Then I'll step in and sit by the fire?'—'That's out too, sir.'

An outside passenger on a coach had his hat blown over a bridge. 'True to nature,' said a gentleman who was seated beside, 'a beaver naturally takes to the water.'

'Come here Master Tommy, do you know your A, B, C's?' "Yez, zur, I know a bee sees."

Misplaced politeness—Asking a full hooped lady to take a seat in an arm chair. It can't be did!