

THE CALLIOPE.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15.



With this the first number of the *Calliope*, we come before our friends with a hope that our object will be a sufficient guarantee to our future exertions. As our circulation will be limited, we need no introduction to public favor, nor do we expect public support, but only look for the patronage of those who feel a direct interest in the advancement of the younger portion of our community. We entirely ignore political and religious controversies, leaving these subjects to others who are better able to deal with them. Our aim is simply the instruction and amusement of *young Three Rivers*, to whom our columns are at all times open.

Many of our young friends who are considered otherwise dull, may possess excellent literary attainments, which with a little exertion, when afforded a suitable opportunity, if brought to light, and properly cultivated, might prove of infinite benefit, not only to themselves, but to society. It was with a knowledge of this, and with a view, in part, to remedy it, and advocate the interests of the rising generation of *Three Rivers*, that this *extensive* journal has been brought to life. Let no false sense of shame, or useless modesty, deter our friends from contributing according to their abilities, and trust to time and practice for improvement. Make an effort, and furnish plenty of fuel, to enable us to keep the water boiling, and like our namesake the *Calliope*, we will make a noise while the steam is up.

The execution of Fleming at Toronto, furnishes another melancholy example of the evil influence of bad company, especially upon those young people who reject the advice and counsel of their parents; and for the gratification of their passions, associate with vile and infamous companions, who lead them step by step to the scaffold. It should teach us a wholesome lesson to avoid such company, and shun those vicious habits, which may end, like poor Fleming, in an ignominious death.



The winter is now drawing to a close, and it has in many respects been one of the most severe that has ever been experienced in Canada, for a quarter of a century. It has not only proved the coldest, (the thermometer varying from 20 to 36 degrees below zero during the months of January and February,) but likewise the most distressing from the depression of business and the want of employment for the laboring classes generally, and the consequent deprivation and misery always attendant upon such an event. The Spring weather which has issued in the present month has been cheering after so severe a winter, and we trust that the summer may show an improvement in Trade, and afford every honest person that employment which will afford him the necessaries and comforts which he is intitled to receive from his labor.



Time is money, which if properly made use of, will prove so. But the generality of youths never consider "that lost time is never found," but remain idle while they might be employed in study, or some other useful occupation.