

## THE CALLIOPE,

throughout the country, for the total abolition of the liquor traffic.

Young people should be the first to take up the matter, as they have the most at stake, and to them will fall the profits in future years. Three Rivers should not, at least in this respect, be out done by the other cities of Canada.

We are requested by the officers of the "Union Cricket Club," to state that they are compelled through absolute necessity to call upon the members for support. Their principal agent, the ball, has, at last, after the severe usage it has been subjected to during the past year, become *distracted*, and it is necessary that immediate subscriptions be taken up to procure another, and prevent interruption from the interesting and exciting amusement, which has been pursued with such activity during the past week. We hope therefore the members will all contribute without delay, and as liberally on this occasion as they have done formerly.

We have heard it stated upon good authority that a Hook and Ladder Company of firemen is shortly to be organized. This is a move in the right direction, which, we have no doubt, will meet with the unanimous support of the young men. Our present Fire Brigade is sadly deficient; not in numbers, but in discipline, and in that true fireman enthusiasm which, in time of danger, throws all personal considerations to the wind.

The City Council are acting wisely in encouraging all who voluntarily offer their services for the protection of life and property. Quebec, with her characteristic display of left-handed econo-

my, disbanded an efficient Fire Brigade, and placed the safety of the City in the hands of a posse of superannuated Constables, who, from their limited number, are unable to perform a double duty. The consequence is that, both duties are neglected; and with water-works second to none in the world, the City is worse off than before, as what is saved from the fire is carried off by the thief, while the tight laced firemen are sweating themselves in an useless attempt to turn on the water.

There is much of wisdom hidden,  
Even to those who close their eyes;  
To the truth in this one motto,  
" 'Tis experience makes us wise."

Boys often employ their time in building immense castles in the air, which they would soon find out were airy nothings, had they only the benefit of a little experience. Though experience, sometimes is a hard school to study in, it is, nevertheless, the only one in which we can acquire a practical knowledge of the world. Those who are thrown upon the world, and left to their own exertions to work their way through it, are often met at the outset by a succession of disappointments which dispel their dreams of wealth and fortune, and frequently leave them in a worse condition, than when they first began. Many get disheartened, and without the courage to commence anew, become outcasts, and vagabonds, and sometimes worse.

Those with a more cheerful disposition, begin again and, with a better knowledge of the world, practice caution and economy, and soon regain their position. They will then admit that what they regarded as ruin, was, on the contrary, a most useful lesson, which it will be for