

THE CALLIOPÉ.

merit to commend itself to the unreserved favor it has met with at your hands ; we can only ascribe your partiality to your earnest wish for our success, and the characteristic interest you took in that connected with those with whom you have associated since the days of earliest boyhood. And we tender you our most sincere thanks for them. Nor does our debt of gratitude to you alone, charge that ever unwelcome word "farewell" with feelings of a painful nature ; but, through a continuity of intercourse, we have become bound together by the ties of association which can never be severed without causing a passing, if not a lasting pang to those whom they connect ; and many a day will have elapsed ere the void their absence occasions shall have dissipated. How dismally vacant will hereafter be to us the moments we occupied in framing our first literary productions—objects of so much care and solicitude to us, and in preparing that designed for your improvement and amusement ! We know that what we have given to effect these two latter things has been necessarily little, but we hope, and we think not vainly, that our efforts in that direction have not proved totally barren of some satisfaction and benefit to you. And if through the impetuosity and inexperience of youth we have been led to comment too severely on your conduct ; and to descend into too great personality in our remarks and thus caused you offence ; we trust you will blot the recollection of them from your memory, since nothing has been so alien to our purpose as to occasion any displeasure to those who, by their bearing towards us, have evinced themselves so worthy of a different re-

turn. Our aim has often been to expose the follies and inconsistencies of youth ; and to show the injurious effects certain to result from the indulgence and cherishing of evil and vicious habits ; and by our warning and exhortatory words, however feeble, to draw our fellow-youths from the follies into which many of them have fallen, and persuade them to cast aside all bad habits contracted, before their pernicious influence had taken so firm a hold upon their natures as might defy any subsequent attempt at abnegation. And we trust our words in this endeavor may not, like a breath of wind, have passed away leaving no impression behind. It has also been our aim to call into existence a greater desire for literary pursuits. To allure our fellow-youths to those never-failing springs of pleasure and benefit, whose waters become sweeter as we taste more frequently and copiously of them. To familiarize them with a pleasure which gives a higher gratification than those of sense, and which always tends, in opposition to these, to refine and elevate, instead of debase our minds ; a pleasure which never palls, but whose deeper indulgence always creates a stronger and more insatiable desire. If we have failed to entice them within these attractive bounds, it is with more regret we part from them, since our failure can only have proceeded from the weakness of our words—a defect which time might have remedied. But if we have succeeded, we deem ourselves more than fully repaid for our exertions.

The good which has resulted to ourselves since our little journal took its existence, in every respect, is beyond even ourselves to determine. We have been