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TUESDAY, MARCH 29.

We must remind our readers that the subscription is not all we require of them, but we beg that they will use their best endeavours to render the columns of our extensive journal interesting, by their contributions. Our object in publishing this paper, is not the mere monthly 'three pence,' but with a view to afford those juveniles who may interest themselves in its welfare, an opportunity of displaying their natural genius, and at the same time of improving it. As an uncultivated field becomes through time entirely barren and overgrown with weeds, so a youth by the constant delay and neglect of his genius becomes so totally ignorant and narrow minded, that when the remedy is applied, his mind will not admit of any new ideas. We would therefore caution our young friends against any such neglect, and would advise them to take advantage of the opportunity now offered them without delay, for which they may be thankful in later years.

We have been favored with a number of very flattering epistles, from the juveniles, one of which we publish to show how we have been received on our first appearance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Three Rivers, 29 March 1859.

Dear CALLIOPE,

You took us youngsters by surprise, coming upon us so suddenly. With me,

at least it was an agreeable surprise, such as I had often dreamt of, but never hoped to see realised. I hope the boys will have sense enough to understand (as no one can fail to do who reads your leading article), that while they are supporting you, they are really benefiting themselves. I will for my part, (to use your own expression) do all in my power to keep the steam up.

I have never been reckoned a very smart writer, but if I don't begin I will never improve, I will do my best, and shall always regard it as an honor to be counted as one of your supporters, and to have my feeble attempts at composition occupy a place in your columns.

Wishing you every success,

I am, dear Calliope, Yours &c.,

J.

Our friends will please remember that all communications, intended for insertion, must be original, and when sent through the Post Office, must be prepaid.

IDLENESS.

How few young men pause in their enjoyment to estimate the cost at which they pass their youth, the most important period of their life, in idleness; and for want of a firm resolution to overcome the many difficulties which beset the path of a new beginner, await the chances of a fickle fortune, which they foolishly persuade themselves will yet befriend them. How many does this mistaken and idle fancy bring, through incidental causes, to a shameful and untimely end. Fortune, nevertheless, is just, and lends her aid to those who are industrious, and show a desire to assist themselves, and, like