

THE CALLIOPE.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

In our last issue we took occasion to point out to our young friends, some of the evil effects of intemperance and to warn them against such a dangerous indulgence. We hope we will not be considered too officious if we take the liberty of offering them a few words of caution upon another subject, which is by many, regarded too lightly, particularly by those whose strength of mind is insufficient to withstand temptations, and who willingly submit to the influence of a fatal and ruinous infatuation.

Gambling is one of the principal causes of intemperance and (being inseparably linked together and dependant on each other,) should be avoided in all its branches; for a "quiet rubber" with a particular friend is often an introduction to the faro and dice tables of a gambling hell.

Relaxation and pleasure are often requisite to renovate and restore the faculties of both body and mind when over wrought by excessive manual or mental labor; but pastimes which stimulate and excite the worst passions of our nature, tend more to repress and deaden, than restore them. When pleasure amounts to a passion it should at once be discontinued, as the longer it is indulged in the more difficult it will be to relinquish.

A gambler's life is one continued series of hopes and fears which end in disappointment and regret, and leaves him either a raving maniac, or a case for some officious coroner and greedy un-

dertaker, who boast that were it not for drunken spendthrifts and misguided gamblers, their business would be far from remunerative.

Young men, when about to choose a profession, should be careful to adopt that for which they are best qualified by nature. It is a subject which requires serious deliberation, and a decision upon which our future prospects in life greatly depend. A profession when once adopted should never be relinquished, but followed with perseverance and energy without relaxing our efforts until we have made ourselves thoroughly master of it. No man is more to be pitied than a Jack-of-all-trades. He knows a little of every thing, but unfortunately all the "littles" put together amount to nothing, as he finds it impossible to bring them all into use at the same time. A man who is an indifferent watchmaker cannot expect better wages because he is also something of a tailor. Genius is not confined to any class or sect, but is divided as plentiful amongst the poor as the rich; and let us not suppose because we have been born on the streets, that we have to sweep them for a living. Knowledge is within the reach of all, and we would advise all those whose store is limited to seize every opportunity to increase it, as it will repay us with interest when we least expect it.

Never defer till to-morrow what you can do to-day, lest for you, to-morrow may never come. Do not act rashly or without reflection, but what you intend to do, do at once. Decision and punctuality are the true basis of an honorable character, and go far to gain confidence