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# THE CALLIOPE

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

*Three Rivers, August 1859.*

Dear CALLIOPE,

Is it then a fact that you are about to leave us? Is it true that now, when we are only beginning to fully appreciate the value of your regular and welcome visits, that you abandon at the outstart, such a praiseworthy publication? How is it? Is your fuel exhausted and no one come to your assistance?

It is really too bad to see you die away without a hand being stretched out to you. But I cannot believe it, you have only gone into dock for repairs, and we will again have the gratification of seeing you come out bright and new, to give us all an agreeable surprise. I only hope it may be so as we cannot afford to loose you yet.

Gladden us with a sight of your good-natured face again, and continue to show up our follies and vices, in spite of all opposition. You have heretofore dealt too lightly with some of our wayward youths who better deserve a sharp rebuke than mild advice. Live and defy them and you may reckon upon the support of yours, &c.,

BULGINE.

("BulGINE," very justly grows indignant at the treatment we have received at the hands of those, to whose advancement the short period of our existence, has been devoted. He also grows unnecessarily enthusiastic at our past efforts, and endeavours to force down our throat a mixture of wormwood and sugar to keep us alive a little longer. But we fear his prescription is too weak as the disease has taken too firm a hold upon our system. But Granny says while there is life there is hope, and our case may not be so bad as it appears. We have besides secured the advice and assistance of a clever physician, in whom we have unbounded confidence, and we will await the result of his care and attention. This is all the satisfaction we can give our friend "BulGINE.")

We feel grateful for his solicitude, and hope he may stand by to fire up when the bell rings.—E. C.)

MY DEAR CALLIOPE,

Who shall deny that this life is one of constant disappointments and vicissitudes? One in which hopes are no sooner born than they are sent to the grave; an existence whose every moment brings an additional care to prey upon our hearts. And that no one has experienced the truth of this more fully than I have, will immediately be made evident to you. It was with the most in-

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expressible concern I learned that the period of your existence was drawing to a close; that you were heaving your last breaths; the death rattle was in your throat. The information brought with it to me so great a load of disappointment and care that many a day will have rolled away into eternity ere they have ceased to weigh down my soul. After many an hour of intense and feverish thought, of ceaseless labor and many sleepless nights; after having combatted with and overcome innumerable, and to human eye, insurmountable difficulties, I had at last arisen superior to circumstances, bearing in my victorious hand a work which, through your resplendent vehicle, would have flashed upon the world, pouring upon it a flood of insupportable light; rolling back in black frowning volumes the clouds of ignorance in which it is wrapt—a work which would have worn in its lineaments the traces of unequivocal genius; which would have surprised, enraptured, dazzled, overwhelmed mankind, by the almost incomprehensible wisdom of its pages and the impetuous, irresistible roll of its fiery eloquence. A work which would have indelibly engraved in the temple of fame the name of its illustrious author; and stamped him as one of the greatest lights that ever rose and unquenchably burned in the literary horizon; a work which would cast into impenetrable shade the most illustrious works of antiquity, and poured its rays into the innumerable ages of futurity. But as the last touch was given to it, the same was being given to you. On it, what a mighty fabric has hope been induced to erect! with your last breath down must fall, in hideous ruin, the airy fabric, burying beneath it the brightest

hopes and aspirations, and noblest creation of human brain. Oh, that you had continued to exist! On the heads of those who have caused your death rest the blood of my expiring hopes and the loss to the world.

Yours ever in sadness,

*One about to be a contributor.*

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TUESDAY, AUG. 30.

Dear friends.—The days of the publication of our little sheet are now drawing to an end. We flatter ourselves that you have throughout followed us along “the noiseless tenor of our way” with sufficient interest and attention, as to remove the necessity of our reminding you that this is the last issue of the ‘Calliope.’ The moment has arrived, and that it has done so not devoid of much heartfelt regret to us is needless for us to affirm, in which we must utter the part-word “farewell”; and as it passes from our lips, it leaves behind it a trace of regretful feeling whose depth you will be fully able to appreciate. When we first timidly ventured before the public, doubting our own powers of sustaining what we had undertaken, we threw ourselves upon your indulgence, trusting, that in it, you would overlook all our shortcomings and incapacity; and give us all your unhesitating support in order to encourage us in what we had taken in hand, which had an end in view, worthy of your countenance, however short we may have fallen of the mark we aimed at. Nor have we been deceived. We are conscious that our paper can never have possessed sufficient

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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 dissappeared. How dismally vacant will hereafter be to us the moments we occupied in framing our first literary productions—objects of so much care and sollicitude 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

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taught to rely with more confidence upon ourselves, and that, in itself, is no inconsiderable acquisition. We have learned, that by application and perseverance, there is nothing too distant or too high to which we may not attain. We have been taught to cast our eyes more widely around and observe more closely the ways and acts of men; that in that lies the greatest source from which to draw the regenerating waters of self-improvement; and by marking in others the ill effect of follies, habits and vices; their unseemliness and the manner in which the world regards them, we have been induced, so far as a feeble will would allow us, to renounce some which had taken a hold upon us; and to place a stricter surveyance upon our actions, thoughts and impulses; nor, we are enabled to say, have the words we addressed to others fallen as dead letters to ourselves, carrying with them no beneficial effect.

We can now look back upon our past labors with no common degree of pleasure and satisfaction, as we doubtless shall ever do when we have been borne far down on the broad tide of years; when, should misfortune or tumultuous passions too strong for our resisting will, have plunged us deep into the vortex of vice and depravity, we may look on this portion of an abandoned and profitless life with another feeling than that of remorse, and may dwell with satisfaction not unmingled with regret, on that bright spot in the tainted whole of our existence, which may have shed some good upon a portion of our fellow-creatures. But if on the other hand, as we sincerely hope, destiny should give the course of our existence a different direction, in

which our days shall be spent in endeavors for the benefaction of mankind, we may look on this, with grateful pride, as the starting point in our noble course.

We will now, for the last time, repeat the word "farewell"; and, we have sufficient faith in the mutual sympathies of men to believe, that your minds will not be wholly free from a feeling of regret as we drop the parting word.

We understand that a match to come off between the members of the "Union Cricket Club" and a few of the young men of the city, formerly members of the "Triassic Cricket Club," which is now in existence, has been fixed to take place on the 25th at one o'clock P. M. The Barrack field will be the scene of the contest, a place, were it of greater extent, well adapted for such a performance. We hope the pleasure which is anticipated; both to the spectators and those engaged in the game, may not be marred by inauspicious weather. We wish that all success may attend the efforts of our friends of the "Union," and we are confident, from what we have already witnessed, that they will acquit themselves in an honorable and praiseworthy manner.

### LATEST FASHIONS.

One of the latest fashions for gentlemen is the "barber pole" pattern for pantaloons; the stripes ascend spirally round the leg, giving the wearer the appearance of a double barrelled corkscrew. The gentlemen had better cease railing at crinoline while they adopt such ridiculous fashions themselves. We never hear the ladies sneer at your peg-tops and leg-a-mutton fixens and a hundred other descriptions of harness which a Fee-gee Islander would blush to be seen in.