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# Select Poetry.

"Lead me to the Rock that is Higher than L."

### BY MRS M. P. LOWE.

I see it ever there above my head, Oh! lead me up that I may sit and rest; Then I shall know where all the pathways lead. And find at length the way, And how I went astuay.

The thicket lures me with its mellow gloom I fathom dreamily its still retreat, Nor see the rising vapors round me loom ; But there no fog and damp, Shall e'er my breathing cramp.

I reach the slopes o'er-touched with spots of sun; They lighten up my heart to peaceful cheer, Yet when the noon is hot I am undone; But in that cleft 'tis cool, And calm, and beautiful.

Impatient as the longing butterfly, I smell the far-off flowers at golden morn ; How shall I find the meadows where they lie ? Ah ! there they'll come to sight— These gardens of delight,

Two roads I reach at last. They hold me still Yet one of them my feet must surely take, I'll go not with a blind and partial will ; Upon that rock of prayer I'll shoose, and then I'll dare.

O Rock of Ages ! strong and sweet repose For all the pilgrims of mortality, Bewildered at the morn or evening close, Take them unto thy breast And show the land of rest,

# Miscell ancous.

Letter from James Macmanus, Esq in reply to Mr. Haldeman.

Convention in electoral college, was adopted by a decided majority. How you voted on this resolution is know not, but judg-sing from your antecedents as one of the leve you voted in the affirmative. This is convention adjourned to meet in Baltimore, and not repealed, it was as binding and as imperative on the Convention at Reading, the same result would have

binding and as imperative on the Convention at Baltimore as it was at Charleston. And we find, in the proceedings of the Convention, that after five days of crimis nation and re-crimination, the Convention, that after five days of crimis in the man, and by acclamation Henry D, too divided into two separate parts, the one nominating Messrs. Douglas and Fizpatrick, the other Messrs. Breckin-Fidge and Lane, and each calling the more. But now we find that Henry D, ridge and Lane, and each calling the more. But now we find that Henry D, too not now made at Demoscol ridge and Lane, and each calling them-selves the Democratic National Conven-tion. Now, sir, I ask you in all cander, ernor, is to be compelled to take sides Damask stuffs. They are whether any of these nominations were made in accordance with the provisions of Presidential parties or factions in this Large quantities of silk are still manufacthe resolution referred to? Did either of them receive "two-thirds of the electoral

them receive "two-thirds of the electoral "no-party paper," has sounded the bugle, nothing of their immemorial beauty. vote," or two-thirds of all the votes in a and its editor informs us he has written a There is at Damascus a consider full Convention ? You must admit they did not; therefore neither Mr. Douglas or Mr. Breckin ridge have been nominated much honesty and moral principles as his Gulf, Bassora, Bagdad and Aleppo, spices, according to the custom, usage or precedent famous Jameson letter, we are left in the cotton goods, coarse and fine muslins, and according to the custom, usage or precedent of the Democratic party of the Union. It dark. But if Gen. Foster is half the man was under these circumstances that the I believe him to be, he will treat that let. Beyrout and Tripoli. The people are was under these circumstances that the state ter, and all others of like import, with si-State Executive Committee met at Phila-delphia on the 2d inst., and offered the olive branch to the friends of the respective of the State, and every true friend of the one hundred thousand. nominees in Pennsylvania; and every Union, will sustain him. Now, sir, I am Democrat, if he is honest in his profess. opposed to having two Democratic electo-ral tickets in the field at the same time; appears some what strange the Druions, will sustain the Committee in their patriotic efforts to redeem our old Com. and those who aid in so doing, disguise it monwealth from the blighting rule of as they may, intend to give the electoral ty as they have recently done. But to monwealth from the blighting rule of as they may, intend to give the electoral ty as they have recently done. But to Black Republicanism, by uniting upon one electoral ticket, and that, the one put in nomination by the Reading Convention and defeat, if they can, the election of trines of polytheism are peculiarly repulsion on the triumphant election of Henry D. is concerned, I am satisfied that her universe they are done to be a state to be blocked and the triumphant election of Henry D. Foster. You protest against the action ted Democracy will sustain the action of think to be a worship of more than one of the State Executive Committee as an the State Committee, support the electo- God. They do not comprehend the relaassumption of power" while you are the ral ticket put in nomination at Reading, tions of the three persons in the Trinity, State Committee by appointment of a cer-tain Southern gentleman, who calls him, of the Domocratic party by those (to use terpretation of the material symbols held tain Southern gentleman, who calls him, of the Domocratic party by those (to use self Miles Taylor, and very generously your own language) "composed of sche-places Pennsylvania un ler your controlplaces Pennsylvania un ler your controlwhole, now forms an organization that ap-1 suppose their is no assumption of power in this !--while you can politically say : 1 am monarch of all I survey ;

pals every true lover of the Union." Yours, &c., JAS, MACMANUS, My right there is none to dispute.' Again, I find by the proceedings of the

### The Massacre in Sicily.

Tod Convention, that Benjamin Fitzpatthe lats Massacre of Christians there-who The rick, of Alabama, was nominated by the same Convention as Vice President, on are the Druses ? .

the same ticket with Mr. Douglas; and directly afterwards the Convention ad-The news from Syria continues to be of massacres. Arab Mussulmans are equally the most appalling character. The late guilty. The principal cause of the pres-advices report that from 7,000 to 8,000 ent troubles most probably arises from journed sine die. A committee was appointed to inform Mr. Douglas and Mr. Fitzpatrick declines the proffered Christians have been slain, and 15 villages laid wasts with fire and sword. The mas-sacre at Damascus-where five hundred Maronites. The latter people are native in the proceedings, so far as the nomanihonor. But it appears, by the sequel, that the committee had invested in them aroving power greater than yours Christians, including the Dutch consul, for when the nominee for Vice President were massacred, and the American consul

at Reading, the same result would have mascus blades-in broad stripes and show-

Another point of interest is the famous Damask stuffs. They are properly silk, with one or the other of the two political though sometimes made of other fabrics State; and the Philadelphia Press, that tured, and the Damask roses have lost There is at Damascus a considerable

letter to Gen. Foster, and he must an-swer it. Whether this letter contains as From India are brought by the Persian

With so many features in their own apses should manifest such fiendish barbariin such veneration in those churches .--The protestant of Syria, whose religion does not present these features, would probably share better if the Druses understood more about them : but the Protestants as well as the Greeks and Catholics, all come under the general head

of Christians, and as such fall beneath the It does not appear, however, that the Druses are the only tribes engaged in the the old feuds which for centuries have

ron, who lived in the sixth century.

declined, the committee caught Mr. John son and nominated 'im as Vice President. bistory of that ancient city. The Philadel, There is no assumption of power in this! phia Bulletin supplies some particulars, Yet there is one thing true, that Mr. H. V. Johnson was not nominated by the Damascus was an important place at least as carly as the time of Abraham, so BELLEFONTE, July 21, 1860. R. J. HALDEMAN, Esq., "NATIONAL Cov-but by a committee appointed to inform that it is not less than four thousand for thousand by the but by a committee appointed to inform that it is not less than four thousand Dursi, who as early as 1019 came as a land could unite carnestly and cordially in ron PENNSYLVANIA :"-Sir : I received Mr. Fitzpatrick of his nomination ; and years old. Etymologists dispute about missionary to them from an offshoot of the support of Mr. Breckenridge and Gen. your circular postmarked 18th inst., ad-dressed "to the National Democracy of That committee nominated a Vice Presi- ancient capital of Syria, and was thus the the Druses disavow any belief in the pecu-nal victory; but this cannot even be hop-Pennsylvania," issued by you as the soli-tary member of the so styled National Committee for Pennsylvania, in favor of Douglas and Johnson, requesting all "Na-tived December of the sphere sphere of the sphere of the sphere o dogina of the sect is the unity of God's be- membership in the Convention, than it is ing. Indeed, the Druses call themselves to determine how the Democratic party, Unitarians. They maintain that God is which united is invincible, can avert the incomprehensible, inexorable, pure, the calamity of an irrecconcilable breach. If essence of pure life, and can be known to division is at present inevitable, it may be his accepted children through human well to inquire whether it is to be permamanifestations only. They declare the nent. Is devotion to principle, to the first born of the Deity was the spirit of equal rights of the States, and to the in-Intelligence, which first incarnated Ham- tegrity of the Union, to be sacrificed to sa, who is the Christ of the Arian theory. any object of personal ambition, or, what To Hamsa was confided the creation of is worse, if possible, to blind control of the world, and from him comes all wis-dom and truth, while through him only much? Have the doctrines and sentidoes the Lord communicate with the hu- ments of sectional fanaticism which culman family. This is simply the corrected minated last year in the armed invasion version of the great Christian doctrines of a sister State with the avowed purpose not considered entirely reliable. But of incarnation and mediation. There is of exciting insurrection, ceased to be dana complicated system of priesthood main-tained by the Druses, who like the fol-in the direction of sounder and more conpicture of the plain of Damascus. He lowers of Mohammed, embody in their servative opinions? I do not percive it. compares it to an English seat in the religion many of the traditions and per- It certainly is not to be found in the want sonages of the Old Testament. There is of concert, so apparent among the great a Satan, or Ismail, as he is called who body of our countrymen who are opposed teen thousand. Allegheny City thirty-five first introduced sin into the world.

proves that their unenviable notoriety was not without a just foundation.

### Letter from Ex President Pierce.

Boston, July 13, 1860. To the Editars of the Bostons Post :

Gentleman :-- I have seen, in several political presses, conflicting opinions as-cribed to Ex President Pierce in relation to the final action of the Baltimore Convention ; and having had the opportunis ty, at an early period, in a friendly conversation, to learn the views of that eminent citizen in a crisis so important to the Democracy and the Union, which I know his further reflection has fully confirmed I am happy to say that I am at liberty, without infringing on private courtesey, to send the letter to you for Very truly, yours, &c., B. F. HALLETT. publication.

# HILLSBORO', N. H., June, 29, 1860. My Dear Sir :- Your letter from Balti-

more directed to me at New York and forwarded thence to Coucord, has at last reached me here, and I will not lay it aside without saying a word in reply .-Your rejection as a delegate was in my judgement a clear violation of right, but it must have gratified your friends on the pot, as it has me since, to observe that the wrong perpetrated in your exclusion was not more palpable than your vindicaation of sound principles and of your claims to a seat was conclusive and trium. phant.

It was in vain to hope for harmony after the action of the majority upon the report of the committee upon credentials It could hardly have failed to be understood generally, that such an action must terminate the existence of the Convention as a body representing the Democracy of the Union, and eventuate in the present condition of the powerful and patriotic organization, which has so long upheld the equal rights and vindicated in eace and war the common honor of these confederated States. There has been in fact, no nomination made in con formity with the established and recognibeen waged between the Druses and the sour,d and faithful men will find nothing zed usages of that organization, and hence Christians, followers of a monk called Maation made in conformity with the established and recognized usages of that or-

the Turkish government, which holds see the editors of the Post (especially Col, nominal sway over them. Yet, of late years, they have been regarded as peace-ful and quiet people, and were disabusing their neighbors of the traditional opinion as to their ferocity and ernelty, until the great Christian massacre of this summer ed a position, which I am confident more ample time for reflection will fully justify

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Very truly, your friend,

FRANKLIN PIERCE, Hon, B. F. HALLETT, Boston, Mass. Letter from Abe Lincoln.

Old Abe Writes us a Letter and Sends us a Stick.

We recived, per U. S. Express Co. on Saturday, one of the 'sticks' old Abe split and the following letter. It appears Aba thought we were the editor of a Republican paper, and gives us some advice as to how we should proceed, requesting us to 'play the thing mighty fine.' - ieneca Advertiser.

Springfield Ill June 6 '60.

W W Armstrong. Sir-I send you this day by U. S. Ex-press Kumpney one of them Railes which have been pokin up such a rore threwout all of these grate States minus 23 what don't vote our ticket. You kin on this being the 'rail article, as it were split by my individual sels sum 40 years since when i where flatboating down the wabash river for this ockashun. I want u to go in and git up a tremenjus excitement over this ver d-d stick as it am the only plank in our black Republican platform that takes at all and we must bile our egs while the water is hot or we are goners suro as preachin.

Horgonise yer wid-a-wake & wigwam clubs rite away & send down to Kerlumbus Follit Fostre and Ko for dockiments. am in snooks with Follit Fostre and Ko. and diwide the splies or profets on the dociments.

Them or speaches thats published, as mine were all writ by old Joe Slocum that was sent to the penitentiary sum time since for hoss stealin but were pardoned out by our republican Guvernor for my benefit. How do they take down in ole Seneca Co. Skarter um round among the ignurent farmers and mekanicks profused ly. Let me kno if I shall send you any more rales as we are over run with orders from abrod. I am sorry to say i have bin sum what horn swaggled in this rail biz-niz—a d-d poor cuss down in oberlin sent on to me for 16 dozzen wich I forwarded to him and paid the charges myself as he writ me had a nary a red. I hev bin since informed that the ole kuss cut em all up

I want you to go in heavy on the idea that the first syllible my last name and he last sillible of my last name and first and last sillible of both my names makes Abe Linkum' -its a mighty good joke and there are a big lot of superstitious and ignurent labering men in the Kuntry that will think it happened because we were forordained to be elected don't yer see.go in big on all these things cause the Lord knows theres nothing elce to go in on send me a kopy of your wery waluable paper one & a while now and then when git elected i won't let you out in the kold. I klose now and in the words of the immortal big dutch poet i say "Bulley for 114.

Convention which met at Reading, and of not measures or principles-resulted in which you were a member. That you electing a majority of Republican mem-have plenary power, invested by the reso- bers of Congress from this State, tleing lution of the Convention over which Mr. the Senate, and giving a majority in the Tod presided, of the friends of Mr. Doug- House of Representatives of this State ; las, I admit; and certainly it was a com- and, if I am not mistaken, you opposed pliment to Pennsylvania to find one this measure, and went for union, harmo-Douglasite without guile, while you could ny and concession of the Democratic party wear the blushing honors of "the one man And this was in accordance with Demo "Wha Wad be King but Charlie." But ciple, nothing for men. The old truism that Mr. Douglas was the Presidential of "united we stand, divided we fall," is the proceedings of the Convention at Charleston, before its adjournment to Bal-timore, you should have noticed the most important resolution passed by the Conven-tion with regard to who should be decla-nounced for his selfish and vindictive opred the Presidential nominee, and which position to President Buchauan; states, in was in full force at the adjourned Conven- an editorial of June 25, 1860, that "while, tion which met at the city of Baltimore. however, we shall support the election of On the 1st day of May, 1860, and the 8th day session of the Convention at Charles-ton, I find, in the published proceedings, that Mr. Howard, of Tennessee, offered Press is the uncompromising for to the wo resolutions ; the second resolution de disunion, secession Administration party ; claring it the duty of the President of the the for of its candidates, of its leaders, its Convention, on a full vote for President organs," &c. And again, he is the first, and Vice President by the delegates, "not through the columns of his Press, to proto declare any candidate elected who did not re-claim that there should be no union of the the bemocratic party of this State, unless hat "two-thirds of the votes given ceiving the wages of his political prosti-hould be necessary to nominate." Mr. tution with the Black Republican disun-Ioward replied and said, "a case in point ionists in Congress assembled ; and, be-ad arisen in 1844, when the New York fore you, he has issued his bull, that sepaelegation were excluded from the Con- rate electoral tickets should be nominaention. The decision then was that it ted in every State, and then, like yourequired two-thirds of the electoral vote self, protests against the course pursued of elect." The previous question was or- by the Democratic State Executive Com-

Douglas and Johnson, requesting all "Na-tional Democrats of the Commonwealth of their legitimate duty, and for the best in- fact that everything said by the oriental-Pennsylvania to meet in Harrisburg on terest of the Democratic party of the ists about the famous capital is exaggera-the 26th of this month, in delegate and State. I regret to see this division in the ted, only shows how strongly its real atmass convention," dc., to nominate a Democratic party of the State. When tractions had taken effect upon their vivstraight out electoral ticket pledged to the party sustained "measures, not men," id imagination. A celebrated epistle of the support of Douglas and Johnson, if I it was always victorious; and if you re- an ancient writer calls it "the great and understand you; you are protesting against flect and look back, when the partizans of sacred city of Dama cus, surpassing every the action of the State Executive Com- Wolf and Muhlenberg divided the Demo. city both in the beauty of its temples and mittee, which met at Philadelphia on the cratic party of the State, the result was the magnitude of its shrines, as well as 2d inst., who have recommended that the that Ritner was elected. Gov. Ritner was the timeliness of its seasons, the limpid-Democracy of Pennsylvania should unite delighted that he had beaten two Demo- ness of its fountains, the volume of its waupon fair, just and equitable principles crats, but was astonished to find that the ters, and the richness of its soil." Its against the common foe of the Democrat-ic party, by supporting the electoral tick-et nominated by the Democratic State at Altoona, another contest about men-is perhaps the most oriental." ower," and sing the old Spotch song of cratic principles. Everything for princis Italy. Meanwhile the place has been most what What Wad be King but Charlie." But ciple, nothing for men. The old truism delightfully unkept. Its rich cultivation nominee of the National Democratic Con-vention I depy; and when you refer to tered. I regret I cannot give you credit es in their sparkling rivulets; the roses Mr. Stuart, of Michigan, raised a they bowed down to the imperial manbint of order, declaring that the rule was dates of J. W. Forney, who is now re-The previous question was or- by the Democratic State Executive Comared on Mr. Howard's resolution, and a mittee. And I find you following in the tote by States called, and resulted in fa- wake of the editor of the Press-not a of Mr. howard's resolution by a vote leader, but his political automaton. This

The descriptions of Buckingham are there has seldom anything been written with human pen more beautiful than his

country, surrounded by an immense park. The visitor inquires for the family, and finds that they have been for a year in is everywhere partially grown up; the trees untrimmed and dipping their branch grown almost into trees and covered with innumerable blossoms. Everywhere is seen rich verdure, luxuriant growth, with the finishing grace to the landscape .---

Damascus was conquered by David, who at the head of thirty-and-two kings. It was subsequently taken by Assyria and Persia. After the battle of Issus, it fell into the hands of Alexander the Great, and Pompey annexed it to the Roman Empire. After being celebrated for its wealth and splender under the Great Emperors, it was conquered by the Saracens, and became for a time the capital of the into spiritual beings, but by far the Mohammedan world. The sceptre of Is-lam passed over to Bagdad, but Damascus is still famous in the history of Saladin.

It was besieged by the Crusaders in the their moral laws, they would not be so twelfth century, but they failed to take dreaded and so cruel a people, for murit. Later still, it was captured, with circomstances of great baibarity, by Tamer-iane, and finally fell into the hands of the Turks under Selim I. It possesses, too, garded as high virtues—so high unfortua high moral interest, for on that beautiful plain it was that St. Paul "became ennot reach them. The men have but

In regard to free will, the Druse theol- Lizcoln and Mr, Hamlin are now the rep-

ogy maintains that the length of every resentative men. man's life is foreordained, but not his While it would be culpable weakness to individual acts. They believe in the intermit effort for the right, there is neitransmigration of souls, and say that the ther wisdom nor courage in turning from soul of Ismail was once in John the a full view of the embarrassments which Baptist, and still earlier in Elijah, while beset our party, and the dangers which seen rich verdure, luxuriant growth, with but such a touch of wildness as to give be gent but such a touch of wildness as to give Jesus. Yet while acknowledging that idea on which to act is "Things are bad Jesus once existed, they do not think and may be worse, but with the blessings Such, he says, is Damascus in the bloom that he was in any way divine, as the of God we will try to make them better." of the year. At all events it is no time for crimination Damascus was conquered by David, who made it tributary. After being held by Solomon it revolted, and afterwards was at the head of thirty-and-two kines. It migration doctrines so far as to allow that the past-cannot help the present-and human souls ever exist in the forms of cannot fail to prove disastrous to the fuanimals. They think that the souls of ture he who takes a different view and acts drenched it may be, in fraternal blood .-men go on, inhabiting different bodies - upon it will only accumulate a harvest of Let their last feetle and lingering glance, with the exception of a very few, whose regrets by uttering sentiments to be ex- rather behold the glorious ensign of the excellence permits them to exert a pure plained, qualified, or recalled, unless in- Republic, now known and honored thro'spirit-until the resurrection day, when deed he is already at the "half way house" the faithful will be resolved for eternity (where so many have stopped temporarily before) only to resume his march and greater portion of mankind will not be take his place in the ranks of those whose interrogatory as, -- "What is all this worth" annihilated.

If the Druses lived up to the seven commandments in which they express der, theft, covetousness and cruelty are nees, but with a satisfactory understannately, that the present Druse generation or of Mr. howard's resolution by a vote 141 year to 112 mays: and 1 find the vote secolution to be 173 yeas, 03 mays. Thus friendly to the administration of Presi-friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for declares hostility to any friendly to the administration of Presi-for the sould apolicy like this, at once concilia-tory and just be pursued, we may well be animited by fresh hope and confidence. I expect to be in Boston next week now

Frum yore old / riend.

The County Splitter. ABE LINCOLN.

PENNSYLVANIA CITIES .- The census reurns of Pittsburg and its suburbs, it is estimated, will foot up 130,000. In the year 1850 the same territory had 88,312. Pittsburg proper has fifty five thousand; the population on the south side of the river. including South and West Pittsburg, Birmingham, East Birmingham, Monongahela, and Temperanceville, will reach eighto the principles and policy of which Mr. thousand, and the rest is in the unincorporated suburbs and adjacent townships. We have now most of the leading Penn-

sylvania cities and towns, as below : Philadelphia 650,000 Pittsburg 130,000-24,000 Lancaster Reading 18,000 Harrisburg 14,862 Norristown 13.500 12,000 Pottsville Seranton 13,000 Yerk. 10,000 Easton 10,000 8,067 Wilkesbarre Allentown 7,989

LIBERTY AND UNION .- "When my eyes hall be turned to behold for the last time -on States dissevered, discordant, belligerent-on a land rent with civil feuds, orout the world, still full high advanced, not a single star erased, nor a stripe polluted, bearing for its motto no such miserable opinions and action have been in di- nor those other words of delusion and folrect antagonism with his own. I am ly Liberty first and Union afterwards; not without hope that the sterling Dem- but everywhere, spread it all over in char-ocracy of the Keystone State will be able acters of living light, that other sentiment. unitedly to support the electoral ticket, already nominated by them, without re-gard to preference of the individual nom.

FREDERICK P. STANTON .- This gentleding as to the manner in which the vote man, late Secretary of Governor Walker of the State shall in certain contingencies in Kansas, during the Lecompton troubbe cast; and that their example may be les, has come out flatfooted for Lincoux