



Select Poetry.

Old Abe's Visitor.

All Nature was decked for her evening rest, For the golden sun had gone from the west. When honest Old Abe with his usual grace...

The Report of Gen. McClellan.

The report is dated New York, August 4, 1863. It begins with an allusion to the results of the victories in Western Virginia, which, we learn, were not won in connection with any general co-operative plan of action...

operations," and he was urged to bear in mind "that we shall most readily suppress this rebellion and restore the authority of the government by religiously respecting the constitutional rights of all." In accordance with the feeling and opinion of the President, Gen. McClellan requested Gen. Buell to assure the "people of Kentucky that their domestic institutions will in no manner be interfered with; and to allow nothing but the dictates of military necessity" to cause him to depart from the spirit of his instructions.

"If not attacked to-day I shall laugh at them. Flag Officer Goldsborough is confident he can keep open his communications with the James." Excepting an attack, he says, as a necessity to the enemy, and feeling the critical nature of the position, Gen. McClellan on the same day addressed to the President the following letter: "Mr. President: You have been fully informed that the rebel army is in our front, with the purpose of overwhelming us by attacking our positions or reducing us by blockading our river communications."

have written this letter with sincerity toward you from love for my country." Early in August the army was ordered to leave Harrison's Landing, on James river, contrary to the opinion of Gen. McClellan that the road to Richmond was by way of the Peninsula. On that occasion he addressed Gen. Halleck the remarkable letter, under date of "Berkeley, Va., August 4th," which was republished in yesterday's Intelligencer.

at South Mountain and again at Antietam. It was not surprising that they were in a large degree destitute of the absolute necessities to effective duty. Shoes were worn out and blankets were lost; clothing was in rags; in short, the army was unfit for active service, and an interval for rest and equipment was necessary. When the slowly forward supplies came to us I led the army across the river, renovated, refreshed, in good order and discipline, and followed the retreating foe to a position where I was confident of decisive victory; when, in the midst of the movement, while my advanced guard was actually in contact with the enemy, I was removed from the command.

Instead of reporting a victorious campaign, it has been my duty to relate the heroism of a reduced army, sent upon an expedition into an enemy's country, there to abandon one and originate another and new plan of campaign, which might and would have been successful if supported with appreciation of its necessities, but which failed because of the repeated failure of promised support at the most critical, and, it proved, the most fatal moments.

Abolition Negro Equality. On Wednesday evening last, about five o'clock, a very respectable white girl, of about fifteen years of age, passing from Media station, through a wood south of her home, was followed by one of "Old Abe's" American citizens of African descent, in the shape of a buok Negro, who assaulted her, and attempted to gratify his lust upon her. Her screams reached the ears of several persons at the railroad station, who immediately went to her rescue, and when they reached the vicinity they observed her fleeing towards them, and the buok demon running to make his escape.

THE ORIGIN OF FAMILIAR PHRASES.—The term "masterly inactivity" originated with Sir James Mackintosh. "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," which every one who did not suppose it was in the Bible, credited to Sterne, was stolen by him from George Herbert, who translated it from the French of Henry Estienne. "The cup that cheers but not inebriates," was conveyed by Cowper from Bishop Berkeley, in his Siris. Wordsworth's "The child is father to the man," is traced from him to Milton, and from Milton to Sir Thomas More. "Like angel visits, short and bright," and after him, Robert Blair, as late as 1745. "There's a guine coming," is Scott's phrase in Rob Roy, and the "almighty dollar" is Washington Irving's happy thought.