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POETRY.

For the Banner.

LINES SUGGESTED BY MY DEPARTURE FROM HOME I miss thee, brother, at the evening's hour, When we were wont in unison to raise...

The Defence of the Alamo in 1836.

Letter from an officer of the Army to his friend in North Carolina, communicated to the National Intelligencer.

On the 14th instant I wrote you a very brief letter announcing my arrival at this place. We are so far removed from the United States that intercourse is almost prohibited.

It is a dark and gloomy morning, devoted to a dark and unholy purpose. Exulting in the work of death upon which he is entering, Santa Anna crosses the river, the better to behold the success of his designs, and establishes his headquarters in a small stone building yet standing.

fied, for not a single drop has fallen within the Alamo. Many of his own men have bit the dust before the artillery and rifle-men of the fort; but thus far they are un-avenged. Darkness falls upon the besieger and besieged; the former raise new entrenchments to prosecute the assault; the latter establish a watch for the night, and endeavor to seek that repose which shall give them fresh vigor for the contest which they know will come to-morrow.

It is midnight. Stars are smiling in the firmament, and the repose of paradise seems hovering over the armed hosts, and hills, and plains which encircle the Alamo. A low murmur rises upon the air, which gradually becomes more and more distinct. Lights move to and fro in the distance, and indicate some unusual movement. The besieging army is in motion. There is no advance by columns. The force of the Mexicans is so great, that the fort may be surrounded, leaving intervals only for the fire of artillery.

streaming from the spire of the church in San Antonio, proclaiming that no quarter is to be given to the champions of the Alamo—that blood alone will appease the fury of Mexican malice. When the sun again goes down, the flag is no longer seen, for the deed of which it was the sign has been accomplished.

Later from the Army. ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER GALVESTON. MATAMORAS—MONTEREY—CERILVO, &c. The steambip Galveston, Capt Wright, arrived here yesterday, from Brazos Santiago the 14th, and Galveston to the 18th instant.