

POETRY.

From Heath's Book of Beauty for 1842.

THE PILOT.

BY ALEXANDER COCHRAN, ESQ.

The waves are high, the night is dark,
Wild roll the foaming tides,
Dashing around the straining bark,
As gallantly she rides!
"Pilot! take heed what course you steer,
Our bark is tempest driven!"
"Stranger, be calm, there is no fear
For him who trusts in Heaven!"

"Oh, pilot! mark yon thunder-cloud—
The lightning's lurid rivers;
Hark to the wind, 'tis piping loud,—
The mainmast bends and quivers!
Stay, pilot, stay, and shorten sail,
Our stormy tri-sail's riven!"
"Stranger, what mattereth calm or gale,
To him who trusts in Heaven?"

Borne by the winds, the vessel flees
Up to that thunder-cloud;
Now tottering low, the spray-winged seas
Conceal the top-mast shroud.
"Pilot! the waves break o'er us fast,
Vainly our bark has striven!"
"Stranger, the Lord can rule the blast,—
Go, put thy trust in Heaven!"

Good hope! good hope! one little star
Gleams o'er the waste of waters;
'Tis like the light reflected far
Of Beauty's loveliest daughters!
"Stranger, good hope He giveth thee,
As he has often given;
Then learn this truth,—what'er may be,
To put your trust in Heaven!"

THE MORMONS.

The fanatical sect called Mormons, under their knavish but persevering leader, the renowned Joe Smith, are rapidly increasing. They have established a settlement in Illinois, and called it Nauvoo. They have obtained leave to raise a military corps, and the name it bears is the "Nauvoo Legion," to which many young men are enticed by the gay flaunting uniform which they wear. They have built a temple, and fitted it up as a place of defence, and almost every man among them is trained to arms. From the Louisville Journal we make a short extract in relation to them:—

In a tour in that region in October last, we were astonished at the increase of their numbers, and the improvements they had made in various parts of Hancock and the adjoining counties, and on the opposite side of the Mississippi in Iowa Territory. It is believed that more buildings have been erected in Nauvoo the present year, than in any other town in the state. Several hundred emigrants from England—converts to Mormonism—have been added to their number the past summer; and a still greater number are expected next year. They have also received very large accessions from New York and other Eastern states.

It reflects but little credit upon the intelligence and good sense of our countrymen, that so gross a delusion, such a pitiful imposture, should obtain a permanent standing, yet it is the opinion of all who had an opportunity of investigating the subject, and learning the actual state of things, that Mormonism will acquire more importance than is generally anticipated. Obedient as slaves to the commands of their prophet, they already wield an influence at the polls that is felt, not only in the affairs of the county, but in those of the state. Union is strength, and in a few years more, they will hold the balance of power in their own hands.

When an election approaches, Joe Smith, their prophet, has a "Revelation," and it is directed on which side the Mormons shall vote. This is published in their paper, and sent to all the "faithful." They would sooner be guilty of sacrilege or blasphemy than disobey his injunction.

From the tone of the articles for some time past in the Warsaw Signal, and the excitement that prevails in the region against the Mormons, we should not be surprised should a serious rupture take place before many months, and much blood be spilt.

THE AFRICANS.—The negroes, whose singular history has excited so much attention in this country during the last two years, departed for Sierra Leone on Wednesday last, on board the bark "Gentleman," Capt. Morris. There are thirty-five of them who have survived the exposures and privations to which they have been subjected.—But as many of these will carry back to their homes a knowledge of religion, of reading and writing, and of many of the arts of civilization, it may be doubted whether their abduction and captivity, severe as was the suffering it produced, will not, in the end, prove to have been an occasion of immense benefit to them and their friends.

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