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A. W. Tourgeé, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:

The theme of the enclosed poem is rather dangerous, but if it should be wrought out successfully, the finish product might be suitable to the LEDGER.

It will not do to represent a Southerner as admitting in express terms that the South was wrong in fighting for the "lost cause."

Did you read Mr. Grady's last article in the LEDGER, in which this question was brought to a pointed negative issue?

We do not want what is called dialect poetry or dialect prose. We prefer contributions that in the main are written in straightforward English. If you will submit this poem to us after you have put the finishing touches on it, (with the illustrations by your daughter, as early as April 1st), it will give us pleasure to examine it.

Yours truly,
(Signed) Robert Bonner's Sons.

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