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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

May 3, 1897.

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,

Dear sir:-

Western Reserve" was never printed in the Companion, and at the present time we are not able to lay our hand upon the manuscript. We presume, however that you have a copy. At all events you are at liberty to make use of the matter itself, or the substance of it, at your discretion, as it is now extremely unlikely that the Companion will ever find room to print it. We may say generally, that you

are at liberty to reprint anything you have sent to the Companion here-tofore.

Very truly yours,

The Editors.