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Lucy Larcom  
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Dear Mr. Ward.

Returning from a few days' absence, I find the copy of the Independent with my verses, and a check for \$20., which I hereby acknowledge. I had hoped it would be a trifle more than that, as they used to pay me more, proportionably, when I wrote for the Independent. However, I did not dictate terms, so must be satisfied.

But I have not received your poem, which I wish you spoke of mailing to me. I do

Want a copy of it - very  
much. Can it have  
been misdirected?

Your letters - yours and  
Doris's, were all right  
I have been trying to  
write something for the  
Monticello Jubilee. - Much  
of it will be local and  
seasonal, but I finish  
with some dozen verses  
which are a general  
utterance of my "Westward"  
theme. I should like to  
print them somewhere for  
some slight remuneration.

Would you like a copy, to  
consider for the Independent?

If published, they should  
appear at about the time  
of the "Reunion", - June 18<sup>th</sup>,  
when I expect to read  
them at Godfrey, Illinois.

Send a postcard, if you care  
to look at them.  
Truly your friend,  
Lucy Larson

— Yes, Brother William, that's  
for you will not demand as  
fraternally, if you do at present,  
I trust. The joy of numbers may  
bear his crown on his deathbed  
alone? I prefer his state to that  
of "Spice and Shunkees" of course  
I never heard before. The Whore-  
venerable was the playmate of  
my childhood, in past ages.