

Mayville N. Y.
May 2/86

D. J. H. Vincent:

My dear Sir:

Circumstances which I need not detail put upon me the unpleasant duty of informing you that the Buffalo Aluminae have decided that they do not wish to have a fraternity meetings.

The instructions of my own Association were positive and I obeyed ^{them} ~~you~~ in my correspondence with you. Come to invite cooperation with the others, there seems to have arisen a doubt as to the result and a fear which was engendered by certain press comments, that Chautauque was going to gain a great advantage by the free advertising thus obtained. There was probably an im-

pression too, that I was going to reap some special advantage or emolument thereby. Just how I am at a loss to know, but I have no doubt that such an impression prevailed.

Without curial as to what others did or did not do, however, I freely admit myself the author of no little inconvenience and I doubt not annoyance to you.

For this I offer you the only reparation in my power and authorize you to announce me for a lecture at any time except from 10th to 15th of August, without any compensation whatever. As you have never paid me less than \$100. I hope this may be accepted as some compensation for apparent, though I am sure quite unintended rudeness

on the part of the committee by whose invitation ~~and~~ the termination with whom author-
ity I acted. Should you accept this offer please
let me know that I may prepare a lecture for the
evening. I prefer that it should be some

other thing — Respectfully Yours

W. W. Loring