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Chicago, Oct. 8th, 1887

Hon. Albion Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tourgee,—

I have booked you at Mayville, Ill. to open your course there Oct. 20th, terms \$75. Party engaging you is P. C. Sampert; Knox, Mo., Oct. 22nd, terms \$75. Party engaging you there is W. Spenser; Hastings, Neb., Oct. 24th, terms \$75. The party engaging you is J. M. Gilliam; Galistia, Mo., Oct. 27, terms \$75. Party engaging Ed. A. Yates; Baldwin, Kan. Oct. 28, terms \$80; subject, "Give us a Rest". Party engaging, Eva M. Pierce. Will send other engagements fast as they are completed.

Give us some idea of your route later in the season. I have applications for you from all directions but I don't have control of your dates and we are simply paralyzed, not knowing what to do, say or write.

Have application to-day from Courtland, N. Y. We have three or four agents in the field this season and if you will take a little pains to give us all the light you can we may be able to render you some valuable assistance. The fact is that so many have been advertising you that we are embarrassed. Could fill your time at fair prices if I had your time absolutely.

Yours truly, *H. L. Slayton*

H. B. Since writing the above, Kearney, Neb. accepts Oct. 25th, terms \$75. Party engaging, W. A. Howard. This necessitates a little later date for Galistia and Baldwin. I will arrange it with them by telegraph.