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Beloit, Wis., Feb., 2, 1891.

A. W. Tourgee, Esq.,  
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Dear sir:

When a lecturer makes a contract to lecture at a certain place and fails to keep his engagement, he is of course liable for all loss to the party concerned. This was the case with your engagement, but we would gladly say nothing about it if we were able to pay expenses of the course from the receipts. As it now stands, we still lack \$100 of paying expenses. Your telegram canceling date did not arrive until the Friday before the Tuesday of the appointed date, and the telegram did not say but what you would be able to come a week later, and your letter did not arrive until the next Monday. As a result we were obliged to telegraph all over the country at great expense, and then were unable to obtain any one acceptable on the date announced for the opening of our course. By paying \$105 we obtained a Concert Company a week later, and were obliged to expend a great deal for extra advertising. Inasmuch as we probably obtained a better house from this concert than we could have done from your lecture we will not ask you to pay the extra expense in full for telegrams, extra advertising and printing that had to be done cost us over \$15, and that is not near half of the extra expense. Please remit us \$15 at once and we will cancel all obligations.

Truly yours, C. Osborne, Chm. Com.