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Mrs E.K.Tourgee.
Mayville.

N.Y.

My Dear Madam:-

Your valued letter of 20th came duly;
I note that your daughter contemplates a visit to Pittsburgh
early in February, which I think will be entirely convenient
for our Club to have the "Talk".

Concerning terms, while I dislike the idea of asking a reduction,
yet owing to circumstances which can scarcely be explained here,
the expense of the affair will fall on the subscriber, and I would
respectfully offer this proposition; I will pay the young lady's
fare from Pgh to Irwin and return, pay her \$10. and entertain her
while here; this would be equivalent to about \$13. for the hours
talk.

You understand the lecture is taking the place of my paper, thus
relieving me of preparing it, and I therefore dont like to ask
the club to assume the expense of it.

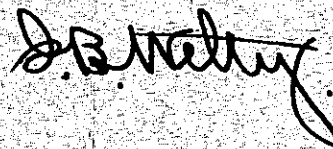
Again, it would be necessarily, more or less formal if held in a
church or hall, the discussion would be very limited, and not par-
-ticipated in by but a few; again such a place is poorly adapted
to a social meeting, in the way of serving light lunch or refresh-
-ments.

I can only assure you that there is no lack of unanimity in this
matter, on the contrary all seem anxious to hear the lady; my
intense liking for the writings of Judge Tourgee makes me most
desirous of having her come.

May I hope to hear from you soon??

With great respect, I am

Truly yours.



P.S.

P.S. I failed to say that there will be very few except club members at
 the meeting - which will be held at my home. Also that the date as sched-
 -uled in year-book is Feb 12th. Would this date be suitable ??
 Hope to entertain your daughter at my home.
 I. B. W.