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Chicago, March 16th, 1888

Dear Mr. Tourgee,—

Your favor of March 15th just received, and in reply would simply make one or two corrections in your letter. I did not report Sioux City, Ia. to Mrs. Tourgee, but I reported Sioux Falls, Ia., which should have been Sioux Falls, Dak., the clerk making an error in the state only. I left the engagement at your Hotel the Grand Pacific in Chicago. I left the complete list there, including Oberlin.

You also state that I failed to report the Oberlin engagement to Mrs. T. That is also a mistake. I reported the engagement immediately by return mail, as soon as I made it by telegram. I received your letter requesting us to change the date at Oberlin to the 14th, and I simply followed your instructions. But in changing the date I was obliged to accept \$50, that is,— a reduction of \$25 from the fee there.

You certainly will not, in view of the above facts, charge us with losing you any money. You asked Oberlin to change the date on only five days notice, that is, I had only five days to change the date, a very unpleasant piece of business for not only the Bureau, but also the local management, to carry out.

Yours truly,

H. L. Slayton