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Chicago, March 21st, 1888

Dear Judge Turgée,-

No matter how little the baby, it should have the same care and attention as a big one. You see I do not agree with the quotation as you have surmised. If you had let Mrs. Turgée and myself manage the Oberlin baby, it would have come into the world full sized. You must admit that much. To be sure, I had no authority from you direct to make the Oberlin date, nor any other date, but I supposed your wife had the authority from you to authorize us to arrange a lecture trip for you, and I certainly had that authority from her. I would refer you to her letters of which you probably have copies. See the letter of December 21st, 1887. I never fixed dates for a lecturer without authority. I did not know that Mrs. Turgée had fixed a date at Marion when I made the date at Oberlin. I admit it was poor business to change Oberlin, and the clerks in the office can tell you how I regretted to do it, as I freely expressed myself at that time. I saw no other course however, than to accept their offer, or cancel the date. I did not make the date for our own accomadation, by no means, I was working up this business to put as much money as possible in your pocket. This is only another case of "Too many cooks spoil the broth." It costed us three telegraphes to change Oberlin, one of which I enclose.

Now tell me what I should "own up."

Yours truly,

P.S.,—The party at Baldwin, Kan. wrote us that they paid you five twenty dollar gold pieces.

Yours truly,

W. L. Slayton

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