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Chicago, Jan. 11th, 1889

Mrs. A.W. Tourgee, -  
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Dear Madam, -

The following is a copy of letter written to Judge Tourgee this day and addressed to him at Ishpeming, Mich., where he lectures next Monday evening, -

Dear Judge Tourgee, -

Your letter which was forwarded by your wife duly received, and in reply would say that our partner, Mr. Fuller, starts for California next Wednesday, or in other words will work his way to California, filling dates for you, Mr. Wendling, Frank Beard, and possibly Mr. Horr and Col. Copeland. He will traverse the entire Pacific Coast, and return by the Northern Pacific. He will with our assistance from the office, endeavor to fill your time. The lecturers have all agreed to pay an increased commission in consideration of the great expense, otherwise we could not make it pay, as his expenses will be large. Can you allow the Bureau on this special trip 15% on the gross, and we will make as good terms for you as possible? Let us know what month, or what two months you wish to put in there. To save time, we will write this letter in duplicate to Mrs. Tourgee, and it will leave on the same mail with yours. If you do not choose to answer, then you can authorize your wife to answer for you.

We wrote you at Lake Linden, Mich., changing Evanston, Ill. to Jan. 24th. We have been unable to fill the 17th, 18th and 19th. You have the 21st at Janesville, Wis., the 22nd at Belvidere, Ill. Berlin, Wis. the 23rd, and Evanston, Ill. the 24th. Please book also Beaver Falls, Pa. Jan. 31st, terms \$75, party engaging W.P. Johnston. We may not succeed in filling any more dates between the 24th and 31st of Jan. We can fill plenty of dates at \$50 and \$60 per night, but not at \$75. Shelbyville, Ill. offers \$50, and they say they can not pay any more than that for any one, and that's the way it goes.

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We want to place you at College Springs, Ia. Feb. 28th and at Weeping Water, Neb. March 1st, and to do this, you will have to drive ten miles. Will this be alright? Weeping Water, Neb., has Mar 1st and Minden, Neb. March 2nd.

Yours truly,

Clayton Lyle Buman

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