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Chicago, Feb. 27th, 1888

Dear Judge Tourgee,—

To reach Pottsdam from Cedar Falls, Ia. leave Cedar Falls at 3.10 A.M. Wednesday morning, reaching Chicago the same day at 2.30 P.M. Leave Chicago the same afternoon at 5.30 P.M., reaching Buffalo at 7.40 A.M. on the morning of the 14th. Then you have a night and a day to get to Pottsdam. We had not looked up the rail road connections, but we were confident you could make it. We can take you clear through to the jumping-off place for the 15th, as far as railroads run eastward. We wrote you in a previous letter that Pottsdam and Canton could not take the 25th and 26th of March. If the dates were postponed, they would have to be postponed to a time that would not be convenient for you. It matters not to us, only that they have already advertised you for those dates. You can make Pottsdam. I will guarantee it, if you take the first train from Cedar Falls, and then you will have 12 hours to spare. If you are declining to fill the engagement, that is another matter, but if it is only on the ground that you can not get there, then we will guarantee you can. If you will not fill the engagement, you better telegraph us, and I will cancel the dates, or try to get them postponed to the last of March or in April, but they can not take the 25th and 26th of March, as we tried those dates before you wrote us.

You will observe on investigation that you can be in Buffalo on the morning of Mar. 14th, and you then have two days to reach Pottsdam, in other words, you have 36 hours. You could go to Portland, Me., and lecture there on the 15th if necessary. You can take the limited express from Chicago at 5.30, and be in Buffalo the next morning at 7.40, then you can leave Buffalo at 8.50 A.M., and reach Syracuse at 12.25 noon. Leave Syracuse at 12.50 P.M., and reach Richland at 2.25 P.M. You can remain there over night, and go down from there in the morning to Pottsdam, taking the 10. A.M. train, reaching Pottsdam at 12.58 P.M. Mar. 15th.

We have written Pottsdam, asking if they can take any other two consecutive nights the last of Mar. excepting Mar. 25th & 26th, and if we can change the dates, we will be glad to do it,

but you can certainly make them.

We have two engagements for you in Northern Mich. one at Lake Linden, and the other at Hancock. Both towns are close together. The terms are \$150 for the two lectures. Now, can we put these dates in some time in April for a late spring trip? We don't know as we could connect others in that section. ~~xxxxxx~~ Please answer this by return mail.

Your engagement at Lake Linden is for the Grand Army and of course they ought to be favored with the lecture. They can not possibly pay any more money. Yours truly,

H. L. Dayton