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Chicago, Mar. 4th, 1888.

Dear Mrs. Tourgee,—

We sent the following letter to Judge Tourgee at Minden, and we sent a copy of it to day to Emporia, where he lectures on the 6th of March. We also telegraphed him to day that he had safe and sure connections with twelve hours to spare, in going from Cedar Falls to Pottsdam. We certainly do not understand why Judge Tourgee should not fill our engagements as agreed when they are made so he can fill them. He writes that he can not make the connections. We have shown that he can with twelve hours to spare. Now, it is simply ruining us to have engagements cancelled in that kind of a way. If we were making engagements that he could not make in any possible way, we would of course stand in all cases the damages, but it is not right that the Bureau or committees should suffer through the fault of the lecturer.

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 have not looked up the railroad connections, but we are 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 probably have to be postponed to a time that would not be convenient for you. It matters not to us, only 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 ~~xxx~~ tried those dates before you wrote us.

You will observe on investigation that you can be in Buffalo on the morning of March 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 7.40¹ then you can leave Buffalo at 8.50 A.M., and reach Syracuse at 12.55 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, ~~arriving if they can take any~~

Samuel

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