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Chicago, Apr. 4th, 1888

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N.Y.,

Dear Sir,—

In reply to yours of March 30th would say that on receipt of your previous letter, we wrote immediately to all the towns, stating that you would not visit the Pacific coast, and virtually cancelled the engagements on the strength of that letter. We do not think that double the number of engagements referred to could be secured for the month of May. It is a very unfavorable season of the year, as Mr. Fuller found after giving the country a thorough canvass. Nearly every one on the coast wants his engagements during the fall. We think it would have been much better to have filled what dates we secured for you, those that were made by Mr. Fuller on the ground, at great loss of both time and money. We are, of course, greatly disappointed that the business has not proved more satisfactory. The lecture business on the coast the present season is the poorest known for years, and southern California is completely bankrupt. Most of the lecture business in that section of the country is made on percentage. People seem unwilling to pay a certainty or guarantee when they could make more money by so doing.

Since you are wishing to go to Minneapolis, we have been offering a few dates in that section. We expect an engagement at Glenwood, Ia. for the last of the month. We would be glad to recover the engagements you cancelled, and as many more as possible, if you wish us to.

Yours truly,

Slayton Lyceum Bureau

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