

Canton N.Y. April 19. 89

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee

Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir,

About a month ago when you were here I spoke with you about delivering our Annual Commencement Address before the students of the University your reply was "write me in about a month" As far as we are concerned nothing definite has been done by the students as a whole about one half of the students of the College are decidedly in favor of inviting you - but owing to College politics we expect the one faction here would prefer any one else rather than you. simply for the reason that your lecture here last month was given under ^{our} auspices. The few of that faction who heard you were more than pleased though they said but little about it. Now we are anxious to have you

for two reasons, the last of which is
no doubt already apparent to you

First and foremost we want a real
live man, and secondly we want
the man who has done so much for us
here in the struggle we are having with the
opposing party - By-the-way your lecture
was boycotted to such an extent that the
members of our chapter were obliged to
pay considerable out of their own
pockets for expenses.

The Comm. Address is to be free to the
public, the students bearing all expenses

Can you come to speak Monday evening
June 25. If so what will you charge
us! If owing our spite of rather than
our engagements there is any hope of
our getting you we shall endeavor to
have the proper committee appointed
at the meeting of the students of the Union

Now you understand the whole
situation as awaiting your reply please.

Very Truly yours

E. J. Murphy

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