

NEW YORK, Feb 24 1897

Miss M. T. Torgue
Madison N.Y.

Dear Miss Torgue,

We have your letter of the 22^d and are deeply troubled with your trouble. Would we could help you in that!

As to the Britton affair, we have no reason to doubt your impression regarding his promise; but we have tried to look at it all as it is today, including his position in the matter. We appreciate the feeling evidenced in your letter, and yet it leaves us somewhat in doubt as to just what you finally mean.

When you say "I will make no further claim until he is satisfied," we take it to mean that you withdraw your notice to us (which you remember was formal) not to pay him the amt due in the last year's royalties, and that (not as a matter of feeling, but as a matter of business arrangement) you consent to our continuing to pay him the royalties so heretofore, except

on "Bricks Without Straw" which he
has agreed hereafter to have omitted
from the list of Tenney books, whose
proceeds were assigned to him up
to a certain limit.

If this is correct, you need
not take the trouble to answer; we
will assume that it is so, unless
we get word to the contrary from
you by next Wednesday, March 1.

Faithfully Yours,

Wm. Howard Hall

J.H.