

ALBION W. TOURGÉE.

MAYVILLE, N. Y.,

June 7th 1893.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of yesterday. I am neither surprised nor disappointed. I had no idea that your enterprise would succeed and would have declined to appear on your programme had I not feared such action might be inconvenient. I builded not at all upon the engagement and made no preparation for it.

This may seem rather better, but to me it seemed like trying to make a show of electrical lighting at midday. I am sorry for your bad fortune but the lesson of relative values

is worth paying for by one who expects to deal in popular festivities. What the public will "take to" cannot always be told in advance, but it is certain that they will not flock to every day attractions when extraordinary spectacles are accessible. "One pays little heed to glow worms when a彗星 is in eruption," is a turn of mind which, if not always recognized is of universal application. So far as

I am concerned, while I should have been glad to have filled the engagements, you need to make no apology and expect no reproaches.

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The cut you may send
to me with one of those
20,000 programmes, for which
you have no use, I would
like to file it as a curious
relic.

Yours very truly

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