

Iowa College.

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.

Grinnell, Iowa, May 8th, 1897.

My Dear Mr. Tourgee:--

Your letter has furnished me endless amusement. I took the liberty, although it was marked strictly personal, to show it to Professor Macy and we have been celebrating it. I think it would be a good idea to publish it but for that word "personal". I regard this letter as among my treasures. But dear me, what a mood you must have been in. It is, however, magnificent sarcasm. I know you do not believe a word of it and that is the best part of it, but I confess that sometimes it does seem as if your letter indicates about the only actual philosophy of life. It will never do for us to believe that, least of all must I teach it to four or five or six hundred college men and women.

Thanking you for your generous courtesy in writing me such a letter, I am

sincerely yours,

George A. Lates

P. S. When will the time come when we can have a great endowed newspaper that shall be absolutely able to speak its mind unhampered by growls from the counting room.

I came near forgetting to send you a copy of a little pamphlet I have recently put out. I am not at all sure whether you will like it or not. It is not pleasant literature; it is no pleasure to do such work. But I did it after careful deliberation and had made up my mind that it was somebody's duty. I do not know whose more than mine.

I have heard some growls from the Company about a "libelous pamphlet" but none such have reached me except indirectly.

*P.S. They have just got out an injunction against the Publishers.  
We shall see.*