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Mr. Frank Warner,
Sec'y, Y.M.C.A.,
Durham, N.C.

My dear Mr. Warner:

I have just received a letter from Mr. S. R. Bridges of the Alkahest Lyceum Bureau, telling me what surprised me very much that you had not sent him the balance due on my lecture at Durham last spring.

In accepting the sum that you gave me which was, I believe, $37.50, my understanding was of course that the lecture committee would forward to Mr. Bridges, within a reasonable time, the balance of $167.50. As you had explained to me you had had difficulty in carrying the course. I had all sympathy with this, but a contract is a contract and I had not a suspicion that you had it in mind to repudiate. I cannot think now that this is so. I feel responsible because the Bureau asked me to collect as a matter of convenience.to both parties to the contract.

I feel very much embarrassed about this, my dear Mr. Warner. It has never happened before in my experience, and while I of course understand that you may have had difficulty in carrying your course, I can hardly understand how you should not feel that this was a thing that such an organization as the Y.M.C.A. particularly should take care of. Will you not kindly let me know how you feel about it and what you are proposing to do? I am very sorry to write this letter, dear Mr. Warner, but I am sure you understand the obligation that I feel towards the Bureau.

Very sincerely yours,

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