

JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

Baltimore, Md. Oct. 5, 1917

Mr. M. C. Turner, Presdt. & Genl. Manager

Dixie Lyceum Bureau

Dallas, Texas.

My dear Mr. Turner:

You will see from the heading of this letter that I have retired from business for the time being. I much regret to have to tell you that I am out of the race until the first of January, 1918.

I understand from the Coit-Alber Bureau that I am booked with you for two weeks from November 19th. It is out of the question for me to fill the engagements this fall. If you can transfer them until the middle of March, next spring, I can do it. Is this possible? Otherwise I shall have to drop it entirely.

I cannot begin to tell you, my dear Mr. Turner, how much I regret this.

Very sincerely,

IDA M. TARBELL

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