110 Columbia Beights, Brooklyn, A. Y.

December 27, 1894.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of December 22 to my father, Rev. Lyman Abbott, has been of necessity put aside for a day or two by the especial conditions of Christmas week. He asks me to thank you for it and to say that he will in this case leave the matter of his lecture to you. He would not ordinarily and from a commercial standpoint care to so materially reduce his usual terms but if in this instance you think it would be a desirable thing he would do it out of his friendship for you. Perhaps he should have written this in the first place but he hopes it is not now too late for you to

decide and let him know.

Yours sincerely,

(his) Heaviel F. Alfott

To

Captain R. H. Pratt.