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Editor of "The Ocean",  
Chicago, Ill.  
Dear Sir:

Since you have opened the columns of your paper for the discussion of Presidential candidates, permit me to speak a word as one of that much abused class - young republicans who did not vote for Blaine.

Judge Tourgey in his "Letters to a King" misconceives our position. We are not ready and anxious to leave the party upon a slight provocation. His attempts to whip us into party line are therefore needless, save in the anticipation of the nomination of an improper candidate, when they must prove awaiting.

His advice, "Of two evils choose the less," is acceptable to us when the issues are sharply defined and of present moment, but from our point of view the temporary success of the democratic party is less an evil than the permanent control of the republican party by an element not most heartily disapproved. He points out the difference between the English and the American party, but forgets that the last campaign was an <sup>almost</sup> entirely personal one.

Blaine had so dominated republican counsels that the party rallied around his personality. We could approve neither the person, nor the personal domination of the party we fondly cherish, and of whose purity ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> exceeding jealous, yet, such a hold had it obtained that it could only be defeated by the defeat of the party. How hard the struggle, and how bitter our feelings against the men whose actions com-

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pulled <sup>us</sup> to acquiesce in the defeat of the party into which we were born, which ~~we~~ we loved for its old associations, and venerated for the glory of its past achievements! It must not be imagined that we are ready to forget or to forgive this. Its very memory fills us with greatest indignation against the men who made it necessary.

The argument that most good can be accomplished submitting to party action is not good. Had we done so in 1854 Pierce would now have been president, and more firmly fixed than ever upon the party. In his defeat intelligent men in the party can read a warning to make candidates irreproachable. If they heed the warning all may be well next year. The appeal to our ambition is lost upon us, for we only desire the success and purity of the party, not anxious to hold office ourselves.

9 We still love the old party and would gladly, willingly, give it our voice and our votes. We ask that its candidates be pure and honest men. We ask no more, we could ask no less.

Personally, few men could be more acceptable to us than Lincoln, but we are at a loss to see how his campaign could be other than a flaunting of the "bloody shirt." We believe that the war afforded a temporary settlement of the questions at issue, and that the conditions under which they rose have passed away. We believe that stirring up of passions by references to war memories is unpolitic ~~by~~ for those who have the harmony and best interests of the country at heart.

We know that until the victors have ceased to taunt the vanquished cannot forgive. Give us an honest man and an honest party campaign and we shall not be found wanting.

Very respectfully  
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