

The Inter Ocean.

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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

My Dear Judge:--

Yours of the 11th inst. came duly to hand. You will notice that the paragraph that you suggested, somewhat modified, was published this morning. I congratulate you on the By-Stander of to-day. It is an excellent piece of work and very timely. I do not think such people can be hit too hard. Like you, I have a certain sort of respect for a man who has always lived in the South and has had Southern prejudices instilled in him from his babyhood up, when he inveighs against ^{negro} equality, but I have none whatever for the yankee who has been brought up surrounded by our Northern civilization, when he begins to attempt the same role. It will very generally be found that such a fellow is a "mean cuss" on general principles, and not the kind for an honest man to trust himself with in lonely places on a dark night. All my family and friends of my early youth were Southern people, I being the only one born North of Mason & Dix n's line, but I was born an abolitionist and had little or none of the prejudices against color which most people converted to abolitionism have, and fellows like this one from Ann Arbor never get much

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comfort when they try talking to me.

By the way you will notice that The Inter Ocean has gotten into something of a controversy with some of the Southern papers over the flag business. Georgia, at the dedication of the State Capitol, failed to raise the United States flag, but used the flag of Georgia. The Inter Ocean criticized this, of course, whereupon the Nashville American comes back in what looks like the justification of such action. In addition to what The Inter Ocean has said about it I inclose a part of the Nashville American article. It struck me that this afforded the By Stander a good theme and if you agree with me make such use of it as you see fit.

Very truly yours,

