

E. H. Bowman

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 24th inst.
Perhaps if you had been at Minneapolis
and understood how hard it was to
get the representatives of the party to
take any stand on the matter of
citizenship at all, you would have better
appreciated my feeling at the sight of a plat-
form which I have no doubt was made to
catch voters and let candidates slip through.
It is possible that the Democratic action
on the subject may drive us to just
and proper grounds. I am satisfied

that but for my efforts no allusion to
a free ballot or outrages in citi-
zenship would have been found in the
platform at all.

I enclose you a copy of the memo-
rial of the Association, ~~to the~~ the circum-
stances of which several thousand were dis-
tributed to the delegates. A large minority
— almost a majority of the Committee
on Platform were opposed to any men-
tion of the subject at all.

Yours truly

W. D. P.