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The Hon. Albion W. Tourjee
Mayville, N. D.

My Dear Sir:

For the past year and more, I have been a constant reader of your communications to the "Weekly InterOcean" under the heading "A Bystanders Notes."

Thirty three years will soon have passed away, since as an Emigrant I landed on the Eastern Shore of this Continent. From that time I have been an observant student of civilization so far as time and opportunity would permit me.

Raised in England and bred of a liberty loving stock, I was early taught to love and revere all that my noble father knew about that enchanting word called Liberty. (I use the word noble in what I consider its truest meaning, for while he was of plebeian birth, he was one of nature's noblemen.)

My youth was spent near the memorable scenes of a tragedy. My father was the first man I ever heard say that Oliver Cromwell was a great and good man. That little history I had read ^{previoudly coming here} the same being supplied under strict surveillance of a State Church, was thoroughly calculated to impress my mind in a contrary direction.

Four years previous to my landing here the first national effort had been made towards washing the stain of Slavery from the Escutcheon of Columbia. The culmination in Nov. 1863 made me a closer

Student, and some would say a Partisan.

Abraham Lincoln was a leader in whom I placed my confidence. His life and acts convinced me that the confidence was not misplaced. One by one the noble men who stood shoulder to shoulder with him are fast passing away, and judging from what is now passing before us in review the principles for which for which the noble martyred President, as well as the best blood of the Nation was shed are fast passing away too. Slain in the House of their so called friends would be a fitting Epitaph on their Tomb.

Your communication to the InterOcean dated Feb 7th 10th and published in the issue of the 14th (which has just come to hand) is the cause of my impulse in addressing you at this time. I have often thought that I would write and thank you as a lover of right and justice for the heroic and patriotic position you have assumed in championing the cause of the Oppressed.

If there is any efficacy in prayer, or in that "divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may" my prayer is ever that God will bless your efforts.

Your advice to the Republican party about one year ago, was well timed, and in one locality in this State, I think I saw the desirable effect. But whether or not it had the same effect on the National issue, I cannot yet make up my mind. I prefer especially to where you advised the Republican Party to get rid of "the Big Boss, the Little Boss, and the Bosses".

As the so called Christian Church (after the State attached itself to it under Constantine) strangled the purity of the philosophy of Christ, so the so called Republican Party of to day seems to aim at the strangulation of the foundation principles of Republicanism as established in the Scriptures. Without trespassing further on your valuable time believe me yours sincerely
George Hollins.