

W. H. Adams, Jr. Wash. Dec 13th 73

Gen. Albion W. Tourgee
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Sir
I have
been from and honest words
in the "Bystander's Notes" published
in the Inter Ocean of last
Saturday; it ought to be
possible to engrave them on
the rock in letters of fire,
so that all men might
see, read and ponder.

I served in the Rebellion,
existing ~~under~~ under the
first call of President
Lincoln, in the Spring of
61, being finally mustered
out in the Autumn of 65,
I said then and I say
now, the Republican Party
stood on the side of slavery.

Gratitude never being an
attribute of the Political Hearts
of - I will not say the
Democracy, but the Disciples
of Calhoun.

Very Respectfully
G. W. Bates