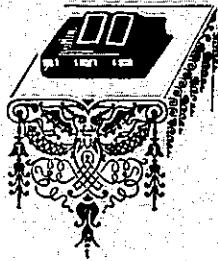


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My dear Sir:

I write to ascertain why "Bystander Notes" do not appear any longer in the "Inter Ocean"? The paper, to me, has lost its chief attraction; although I always read, at least the headings, of the other articles. I am afraid that modern Republicanism has crowded you out, although you stand on the slavery question to day just where the Republicans stood at the close of the war. In 1846 I was born with the "Inexpressible Conflict" within me. That is to say, my mother was a Friend Quaker, and my father a Jeffersonian Democrat, born and raised in the state of Delaware. For several years I voted the Democratic ticket thinking it was the Liberty Party. For many years I have had my eyes open, and have labored in behalf of the downtrodden slave. I consider the cause of universal liberty, as very far in the back ground at present as the South is now in the saddle. If slavery is dead there at all, it is only in the letter, and I look for the most startling movements in regard to it, during the present administration; perhaps the repeal of the last three Constitutional Amendments.

The reason the Republicans were defeated last fall was, they had failed to live up to their principles all these years until there was nothing left worth working for. I fear the same policy will be continued by the leaders, and if so, we may expect continued defeat. I have very little hope of success in the near future. The younger voters; our children and grand children, are sadly ignorant in regard to the past history of the political parties, and are good shape to be imposed upon by the demagogues of our country. It is very difficult for the average reader to find out what is the truth especially as many of them are dependent upon the party papers for their political information. The Republicans need several new planks so as to make it safe to stand on it. Temperance, Woman Suffrage, & Universal Liberty, should all stand out so plain that all could readily understand. It is only by a square statement of principles, that we can commend our party to the favorable consideration of the upright and intelligent part of the people.

I hope to see *Dystander's* Notes again, if not in the *Inter Ocean*, in some other place where they can be seen by the people of the North.

If not too much of a tax on your time, please answer briefly.

Yours Very Truly
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