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I read the "Bystander's" writings, as do thousands of thinking people, with much interest. Like the writings and speeches of the early abolitionists, their truth cannot be disputed; — the only question is, whether the country really wishes to be just to the negro?

As before the war, everybody, or everybody worth counting, admitted the wrong of slavery, but tolerated it because it didn't directly impinge on his own profit, pleasure or convenience, — and made no effort to overthrow this "peculiar institution" until it threatened our interests in the North, — so now, I fear you and others may write as eloquently and prove as clearly the wrongs done to the negro as did Garrison, Phillips and others of that day, and with as little effect, ^{excepting where} ~~where~~ you show that this course is hurting us as well as the negro!

Of course it is; all wrongs we do, hurt ourselves indirectly — but it must be shown that the result is direct, inevitable and painful, to the perpetrator of the wrong, or he will never let up.

It is a humiliating confession for a Republican to make; but unless you can prove that Republican success depends on justice to the Negro, you will

get no general, hearty Republican support to measures for his relief. I mean, party support. Individuals of course earnestly wish to do the Negro justice; but it is organized parties who alone put wishes into effect. Prove to the Republican party of the country that their success can only be assured by championing the cause of justice to all classes of citizens, and you will overcome the lukewarmness which somehow pervaded that party after it had freed the negro, and give it what it needs, a ^(seeming) moral purpose to enthrone over and fight for.

I say "seeming" advisedly. Boast as we may of the "high moral purpose" of the country in putting down the rebellion, we all know that it was to save the Union, ^{government} not to free the slave, that the ~~armies of the~~ ^{government} ~~North volunteered~~ ^{undertook to} ~~bring about~~ ^{compel} ~~the~~ ^{obedience to its laws;} ~~North volunteered~~; yet the progress of the struggle ^{strengthened vastly by the anti-slavery sentiment of the people,} incidentally accomplished that result. So, in a new struggle for our own ^{hardly} interests, if they can be proved to depend on giving the negro his rights, the moral principle beneath it will bring it, as in 1861, the zealous support of millions who may differ on tariffs, on silver, and currency, but not on justice.

The campaign of 1892, proved how vigorous, systematic lying can befoeg the brains of the American people. I have faith to believe their hearts are of better stuff; and that if the party places itself on the high ground of right instead of expediency, even if not from the highest motives, there is latent virtue enough in the masses to conquer under the banner of equal justice to all men. We were thoroughly whipped the last time, when every argument was in our favor; perhaps if we had had less of argument and more of moral principle to back us, the enemy would not have had such a walk-over, nor the country such a financial depression to mourn over.

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