

My dear Sir:
I am afraid Mr Nixon's visitation
has induced him to say things he would not
otherwise have done. For instance, I hardly
think he would in sober earnest have
declared that the "Enter-Ocean" gave him as
much fame", knowing that of my work, one
alone had had a sale of nearly a
million copies before that time.

There is no doubt that what Mr. Nixon
says of himself is true. I have never had
any thought that he was other than what he
declares. This thing remains, however, that
without the Byetander the Enter Ocean
is no more representatively and dis-
tinctively a friend of equal rights

than the Tribune. Why not? Simply because it is impossible to duplicate my knowledge, experience and study of the subject and unite with it my earnestness and intensity of belief. The Tribune is quite the equal of the Enter-Ocean in its editorial proclivity. Mr. Medill was an abolitionist just as well as Mr. Nixon and in its editorial treatment of such questions the Tribune is as able and in its summaries and publications more full and exact than the

Enter = Ocean.

Mr Nixon's statement with re-
gard to the economy necessary for
the Enter Ocean to function, seems
hardly genuine. When he wrote
this to me, I gratefully offered to
continue the Bystander at their
own price until such stringency
was past. In reply he said, that
"the Enter Ocean is in no one's
custody" but "there are some in
the management who think the By-
stander has ceased to be a necessity

on to constitute an attraction."

I do not pretend to judge as to the correctness of either statement nor to determine which is the true motive. I understand very well that he is in a difficult position, trying to hold the subscribers I brought without any work; also I know that he has more than one to please.

I suppose the result will be the establishment of "The National Citizen" a weekly especially devoted to this subject. I could go to the Tribune with a considerable advance in

terms, but although I do not think
the I.O. treated me very nicely in
shutting me off without a days warn-
ing as they did, I have never been in
the habit of doing things for revenge
and hardly suppose I shall begin now
unless driven to it. I think they have missed
a great opportunity, but it is not for me to
dictate their course or policy. I have
no doubt that what has been done
will with certainty inure to the good
of the cause of personal liberty and
rights and the uplifting of the stand-
ard of American citizen ship. Sincerely yours
Wm. W. Foster