

Cobden, Illinois.

July 5, 1894.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to inform you that I am a reader of ^{of} *The Bystander's* notes found in *The Inter Ocean*. And I want to say farther, that I am in accord with the views expressed in *The Bystander's* notes. And I want to say a few things to you of the Negro and his rights as an American citizen. What I ask for the Negro are equal right, equal justice equal privileges and equal means of gaining a livelihood. And the Negro Problem will

never be solved until the negro
 is accorded every right that
 any other class of citizens
 enjoys. And this government
 will not be right or free from
 danger until every man
 stands equal before the
 laws of this nation. Slavery
 was wrong. There is no question
 about this. Slavery was a
 terrible sin, and at whose
 door was ^{it} laid? It was not
 an individual affair. It was
 a national sin, and the
 nation paid the penalty for
 that sin. The half this nation
 suffered ^{from} 1860 to 1865 - has never
 been told, and all because
 of her sin. Now - then, if that
 system which fostered slavery -
 and protected the slave in life,
 was sin, what is the system
 to be called which allows the

Negro as an American citizen
to be deprived of his rights?

It is exceedingly sinful,
I am frank to admit that
if the Republican Party does
not carry out its original
views in reference to the
equal rights of man, this
Nation will at some future time
^{suffer} the consequences. — Judge,

I would like to say more but
refrain from doing so at this
time. I shall do all I can
to have the colored people read
the A. Bytander's Notes,
and I shall not give my
name, unless it is desired
on your part.

Yours truly
A. Looker on.

P. S. If you see any thing in ^{my} letters
worthy of note, you can refer to it by
A. Looker on.