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Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir please
for give this bold and unpardonable
breach of etiquette in thus
writing you without formal intro-
duction or acquaintance.

But, Sir, I have been a constant
reader of your articles in The
Inter-Ocean for some time and
being one of those who have
struggled against almost over-
whelming odds and difficulties
to acquire something of a smattering
of an education I can feel

keenly the insults and cruelties
 heaped upon my race and
 therefore cannot but appreciate
 any effort I see made in their
 defence or betterment. It is out
 of the fulness of heart this violation
 of ceremony is made.

I am not at liberty to impose a
 long letter on you but I beg par-
 don in calling your attention to
 what seems to me to be an
 important matter. In the Editor's
 Note Book of the Chautauquan
 for August, is a comment on
 Mr. Walker's Comparison of the two
 races. Among other things it says
 that "In 1790 the colored element

Constituted nearly one fifth of the population, and in 1890 less than one eighth," and tries to account for this comparative decrease from the high death rates among our "race in the higher latitudes."

It seems to me that several causes operated to produce this result. The immigration of the whites and the emigration of the colored have something to do with it. But more than all it is "the very high death rate" in the lower "latitudes," produced by violence, that have done so much to destroy the original proportion. I think our leading men down here will agree that there have been more colored people killed since the war than the number of men destroyed on both sides during the whole four years contest.

It may be that our
Northern friends do not like
to have too many of us up
There and had rather that
we should remain where
we are. That being the
Case I think it would be
much better for them to say so
and not to try to make it
appear that the American
Climate is too inhospitable for
African blood. I believe a Negro
can live any where a white
man can under similar
Circumstances. May God bless
you for your kindness.

I am yours Resp.

E. Greene

HORRIBLE! HORRIBLE!

Eight Men and a Woman Brutally Murdered—The Tenth Will Die—The "New South."

On the night of July 17, on a plantation of Col. J. T. Jefferson, near Friars Point, Miss., nine colored farm hands, while sleeping, were horribly riddled with bullets and died before they could awaken. Only one (Tom Bell) of those who were in the room when the attack was made escaped, and he, with a bullet wound in his head, to tell the sad tale. These nine people, Bell says, asked for money due them and threatened to quit the place on account of severe treatment. While they slept quietly in the barracks that afforded them shelter, a mob of white brutes, armed with guns and pistols, entered and butchered them in their beds. The nine victims were "hands" on the plantation most of the season and were ignorant of the cruel tempers of the men who slaughtered them. Three of the victims were from Memphis. The remaining five were from lower down the river. One of the former was a woman, named Jane Harris.

Wholesale Butchery.

Dispatches from the Jefferson Plantation, in Tennessee, announce the massacre of eight Negroes who had refused to work because they were not receiving enough pay.

These men were not killed in a fight where they might have had a chance to defend themselves, but they were cowardly butchered while asleep in their quarters.

We believe that as long as they conduct themselves as law-abiding citizens, they are entitled to the protection of the laws, and of those who have a spark of justice in their hearts. If these Negroes were killed in the manner related by the sole survivor, Thomas Bell, then we say that it will leave a stigma of infamy upon the State in which it was committed, unless prompt and effective measures are taken to bring the murderers to justice.

Nothing short of the hanging of every one connected with this diabolical outrage should satisfy the authorities of the State of Tennessee.—*Down Town Herald.*