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COLUMBIA, S. C., JAN., 14TH. 1890.

The ghastly lynching of eight defenceless and unconvicted Negro men, taken from the jail of Barnwell county, in this State on the night of Dec., 28th. 1890, by a masked mob of white men and killed with inhuman barbarity, has met with general condemnation.

The promptings of a keen sympathy for those left destitute by this atrocious massacre, and shame that my State and race were responsible for the murder of these people, moved me to make an effort to collect a small fund and clothing, to relieve the destitution and immediate needs of the crushed and poverty stricken families of these victims of mob law.

The generous contributions received through the colored churches of this city and from personal friends, are so encouraging that I feel that an opportunity exists through a general appeal, to raise a sufficient fund, say \$2000, to purchase a piece of land and build homes for the sorely afflicted families, for by this massacre, seven widows and twenty-five children, are left desolate and forsaken.

I therefore appeal to you in the name of humanity, to aid in this high charity by yourself contributing and inducing others to do likewise.

Should this effort be crowned with success, not only would present want be relieved and an intolerable grief be somewhat assuaged but a monument would be set up as a testimony of sympathy for the poverty stricken, and of shame and reproach at the terrible subversion of law. There are evident reasons why law abiding people should take advantage of this opportunity.

It is not probable the disgrace upon the State and christian civilization will be wiped out by a conviction of these assassins, and in this way we can make manifest our detestation of the crime, sympathy for those made desolate and dependent and our purpose to uphold the majesty of the law.

Money can be sent to Hon. John D. Long, 5 Tremont street Boston, Massachusetts or to Ellery M. Brayton, of this city who will attend to its disbursement. All clothing or supplies can be sent direct to my address Columbia, S. C.

Helen C. Brayton.