Oakwood Miss.,
Dec. 10/1895

Hon. A. N. Gourgee,
Mayville N.Y.,

My Dear Sir:

By the merest accident, the Basis, of date of Oct. 26/1895 addressed to T. B. Hood, Gloster, Miss, came into my hands, together with the circular letter. I am indeed sadly surprised to find that you had not been informed of his death at the hands of an Amite County mob, in this state, on the 2nd day of July, 1894. The "crime" for which his life was forfeited consisted in the writing to the County Supt. of Education, of Amite County, two letters, copies of which I enclose herewith. These letters were construed by the Supt., Geo. A. McGeehe, as insulting or, at least impudent, and an attempt was made to "chastise" T. B. Hood for writing such letters to a white man. The result was that he (Hood) was killed, not, however, before killing one, possibly several of the mob. At the time of his death, he was engaged in teaching

in Amite County. And it was at his school House that he was killed, at 12 Oclock broad daylight. Considerable dodging and underhanded lying was done by the mob and their sympathizers in the endeavor to justify the deed, but they failed to get up a lie sufficiently plausible to deceive the judgment of an idiot. F. B. Hood was a native of Amite County and had spent the greater portion of his life here. He was as well known as any man in the County, and was never known to insult anybody, white nor black. You will judge for yourself of the insulting nature of the enclosed letter.

The mob has been variously estimated at from 150 to 300 men, if men they can be called. F. B. Hood was armed only with a revolver and with that he fought as long as he could "use his right hand." He killed one, Nolan Hendrix outright. The defense he made has had the effect of breaking up White-capism in that County up to this date, and will go down in history. The deceased was my brother and

if the Basis has any claims against him, please forward a statement of the same to my address and it will be settled.

I had meant to have done some canvassing for the Basis, but the conditions have been such that nothing could be accomplished in my settlement. The people from whom I could safely solicit subscriptions etc. are those who unfortunately, have no rights that are bound to be respected and consequently handle very little money. So, to recommend the Basis to my reading acquaintances was about all I dared do, and that much I have done. As a general thing, however, I am convinced that it is a hard matter to get even the colored school teachers of this County to interest themselves in reading and supporting journals devoted to contending for their rights. For instance, in this (Bolivar) County, there are at least seventy-five colored teachers and if one of the number is a subscriber to the Basis, or any of the colored newspapers, I do not

known it. Though when the Basis
first made its appearance, I went
to some trouble to recommend
it to their notice. It is indeed
an up-hill business.
With earnest wishes for the success
of the Basis as a monthly
I beg to remain
Yours faithfully
A. C. Hood.

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