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Feb. 3. 1896.

Hon. A. W. Tourgee.
Mayville N.Y.

Dear Sir.-

I recd the other day. the Jan. No. of the "Basis" containing the confession of Dr. Roan, one of the murderers of our old friend. Senator Stephens. Many thanks to the sender.

I always looked upon the account given by the colored man in "A Fool's Errand" as a substantial statement of the facts in the case.

Now, after the lapse of a quarter of a century one of the murderers verifies it.

How true it is, that "Murder will out."

Judge Pearson spoke truly when he said the Case left "a foul mark on the reputation of the County of Caswell" and he might have added,- "a dark page on the history of North Carolina."

Yours truly.
David Hodgin.

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