

The "New" Negro Crime.

Messrs. Editors: It seems to me that what is stated in the clipping from Harper's Weekly (which clipping you insert in your last issue of THE SUN) with respect to the "new" negro crime is about as near the truth as anything I have read on the subject in the newspapers, especially all that is included between the word "attributed" and the end of that sentence. Let every intelligent man, North and South, read those words, ponder them and then say if the writer of them has not written the truth.

I was born and reared in Old Virginia, and have had more or less dealings with the negro, and how often have I seen the facts brought out just as they have been advanced in the article referred to! Still, this point (the words referred to in the clipping) is no new discovery—it is just what men like Grady and others foresaw long ago; but it has taken until now for the matter to materialize in a way that staggers the best of us.

Today the poor negro stands before us presenting two phases—the miserable brute and the victim of that given him by abolitionists—call it what you will. It is his awful intoxicant, however, which no sobering influences as known to American genius in the aggregate has been able to apply. Going down to the root of the matter we soon trace it to that judgment which made the negro free. And the men that know this now hear on the streets and in other places on the least provocation the assurance from the negro—"Our time is coming!" I have heard that expression time and again, and the men who are now doing the lynchings have heard it too. Behold the kind of knowledge in the minds of both—white and negro—in this miserable relation of ours with the African! As well offer sentimentalism to Vesuvius as to tender it to the parents of a ruined daughter.

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