

Fayetteville, N.C. March 9<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. Elias Cargill.  
Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Sir - Your circular letter of Feb 19<sup>th</sup> addressed to me, did not come to hand until the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

I most heartily desire to promote the building of the Vance Monument - Let me suggest however that the management in the matter of Mr Polk Miller's Lecture at this place be given to Mrs A. H. Slocumb without mentioning that you had requested me to act.

I will do all I can, to further the enterprise, and really think that it would be better to have it managed by the lady named, and hope you will act on this suggestion, and leave me to electioneer among "the masses" -

I am Very Respectfully  
Yours  
Wm. H. Ray.