

Let me suggest Mrs A. W.
Ray to take charge of the
lecture. She is very much
interested in the Vance
Monument. as she was
a very strong personal
friend of his. Let me
add, that this is rather
a bad time for a lecture
as a large majority of the
lecture ^{going} people are Episcopa-
lians. It might be better
for him to visit here
after Lent.

Very respectfully
Mrs A. H. Hocomb

Fayetteville A. C.

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Mr. Thompson.

Dear Sir.

I was not
at home when your letter
came, or I would have
answered at once. I thank
you very much for the
compliment in asking
me to take charge of Mr.
Polk Miller's lecture in our
town. & I regret that I
cannot comply with your
request. having company
in the house from Ala,
& am expecting his friends
from St. Paul this week.