

[To: Elias Carr, Raleigh, N.C.]

Waynesville N.C.  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Hon. Elias Carr,

Dear Sir;

Your very kind and welcome letter reached me yesterday.

Heartily and earnestly do I thank you for this act of clemency to my poor boy, and of kindness to his mother and me - My dear old schoolmate and friend, you have removed a weight from our hearts, which we were not able to bear. I have been in a constant state of painful anxiety about this sad affair, ever since it happened, and the boy's mother has suffered exceedingly. I hope and believe that this experience will, as you have said, be a sufficient lesson to him. Should this be the case, and should he in the future become a quiet, sober and useful citizen, I shall consider

that you have saved my son.  
With many thanks, and with the  
kindest wishes of myself & wife,  
and my whole family,

I am very respectfully

Your friend,

W. L. Horwood.