

Raleigh, N.C.

January 21st 1897.

My dear Gen. Carr:

It is entirely
out of my power to acknowl-
edge fittingly the many kind
expressions of sympathy
and of affection which
have come to me in my
affliction, but I will
at least send you this
line to thank you for
your kind note, and to
say how much I appreciate

ate your kindness in this,
as in all matters in which
we have been mutually
concerned.

The loss of my wife seems
to me the very greatest be-
wailment which I could
have experienced, and I
have not yet been able
to adjust myself and
my feelings to the low-
liness of my present sit-
uation. I am afraid
I was not always a
considerate and unself-
ish husband, and I will
now that I had been. But
I believe few men ever

retained with more fresh-
ness the feelings of admira-
tion and affection with
which in youth I regard-
ed my wife; and so it
seems to me that no man
could more sensibly feel
day by day the loss and
the loneliness of my sad
situation. But I find
this comfort that since
her departure the whole
idea and reality of spirit-
ual things comes out
clearer to me, and in
her death and departure
life and immortality
are brought more fully

to light.

Please give my love to all
your family, and tell them
what a loss we all feel in
their removal from Raleigh.
My children are well, ex-
cepted colds. Sarah Webb
will live with us and help
me to keep my family
together. When you come to
Raleigh I hope you may
do me the kindness to make
your stay with me. Many
times when I am at home it
would be a great pleasure to
have you with me.

Very truly your friend

For the Hon
Shir Isaac
Blodgett, M.

John Blount Chesler Jr.