Statesville. N. C.
March first.

His Excellency, The Governor:-

Dear Sir-

Your favor of February nineteenth, in regard to ascertaining the appearance of Mr. Polk Miller in our city, should have received a prompt reply but for the fact that on the night after it reached me our home was destroyed by fire, and in the excitement and distress incident to such an experience, the matter was crowded out of my mind. The present state of my domestic affairs being such

that it is impossible for me to give the matter the attention it deserves, I have secured for you the services of Mrs. Thos. C. Anderson - a lady well fitted, in every particular, to make the work a success. There will be no difficulty whatever, I am sure, in securing enthusiasm, for so worthy a cause in Louisville, and we expect to send up a large contribution.

Very Truly Yours,
Mary Robbins Long.