

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

Trinity College, etc
Durham Jan 8, 97

His Excellency,
Elias Carr,
Governor of North Carolina.
My Dear Sir:

I have just read a condensed notice of your message to the legislature in the Charlotte Observer, and I cannot refrain from expressing to the gratification which I found in reading it. Your recommendations accord with my new thoughts, but I am specially pleased with your advocacy of factory legislation, compulsory education - extension of the common school term. I regard this message as the most progressive which has yet come from a governor of North Carolina.

In after years you will look back
with great satisfaction upon the
fact that you were the first
governors to ask for the
strong arm of the law to be thrown
around helpless women, & delicate &
innocent children whose lives
are being sacrificed for the
sake of large dividends.

Yours truly
Jerome S. Wood.