

A Note from Hon. Josephus Daniels

The positive statements of foremost members of the Watauga Club themselves concede to Colonel Polk and his farmers' clubs the real credit for starting the State College of Agriculture and Engineering. We have already quoted Mr. W. J. Peele's emphatic declaration about Colonel Polk: "In 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887 he was the most powerful factor in the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college." We have also received from Hon. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, the following comment on the foregoing address:—

"It is a good thing to live long enough to see men misunderstood and misjudged in their day come into their own, and I am very glad you presented Colonel Polk's great service in securing the State Agricultural College so fully and so clearly. I was secretary of the Watauga Club for a time and this club was very active in its efforts, but it could not have enlisted the necessary support and aroused the enthusiasm that resulted in success until Colonel Polk organized the farmers into militant support. **It was this organization of farmers led by Colonel Polk that put it over.**"