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## Welcome To Alumni and Visitors

### WELCOME, ALUMNI!

To you, alumni, we dedicate this issue of the Recorder. As you return, we wish for you a happy sojourn on the campus of ALMA MATER. It is during these days that we hope you may renew the old acquaintances of undergraduate days, and that your coming may tap the mainspring of companionship which alone will bind us—alumni, faculty, students and future students—together as one great family. May the inspiration of the 75th Anniversary give us a greater desire for a greater Rutherford. No alumnus can properly appreciate and rally to ALMA MATER until he knows the conditions as they truly exist. Your interest in, cooperation with, contributions to, constructive criticisms of, and close touch with ALMA MATER will make Rutherford the praiseworthy institution about which we have dreamed and for which we have longed, and which will one day be a reality.

Let May 28th, alumni day, be the gala day of the 75th Anniversary of Rutherford. WELCOME!

### OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS FOR COMMENCEMENT

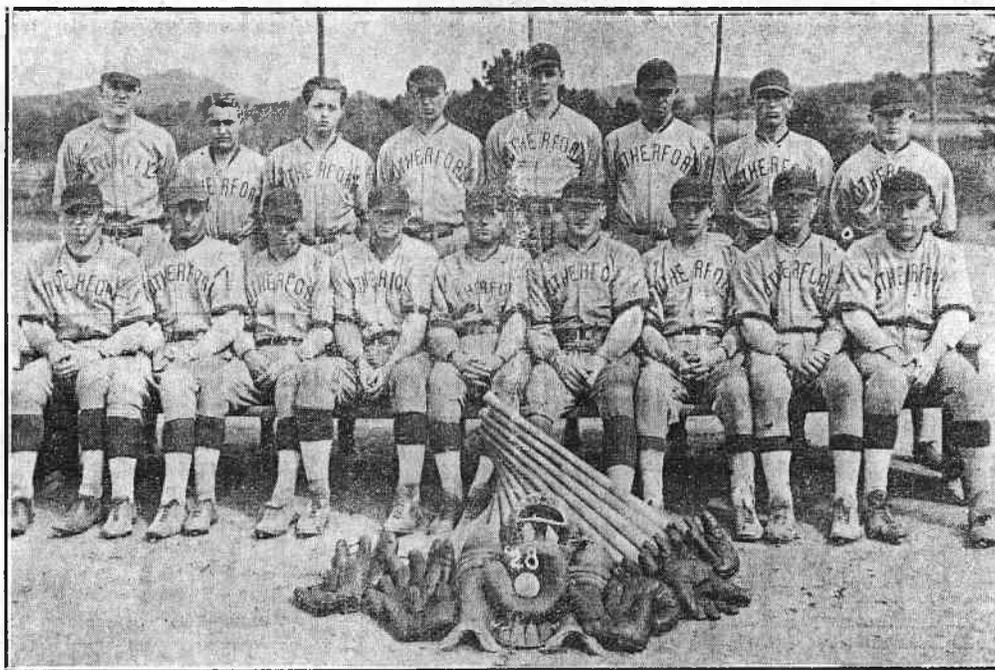
#### Ormond, Abernethy and Ware To Speak.

In accordance with the policy of Rutherford for bigger and better commencements, the College this year has succeeded in obtaining the services of three prominent men for the chief speakers of the occasion.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Dr. J. M. Ormond of the Duke University Faculty at 11:00 a. m. Sunday, May 27th. Dr. Ormond comes highly recommended as a speaker of considerable poise and one who has the ability to hold and charm an audience for an indefinite period of time. Having taught for some years in the Department of Religion at Duke, and having become director of the Rural Church Foundation established by Mr. J. B. Duke, the speaker is a man well fitted for the task before him.

The Y. M. C. A. Sermon is to be preached by the Rev. Dwight Ware, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Lexington, N. C. Rev. Mr. Ware has been spoken of as one of the most promising young preachers in the conference. Mr. Ware is a graduate of Duke University, from which school he went to Edinburgh and Oxford Universities for further work. He is said to be a man of rare oratorical abilities, and it is thought that his talk will be of special interest to the young men.

The Honorable Chas. L. Abernethy has been secured for the Alumni Address at 11 A. M., Monday, May 28. Of special interest to friends and students of the school is the announcement of the coming of this noted speaker. Mr. Abernethy is at present a member of Congress from the Third district, and is a man prominent in the affairs of the nation. Especially fitting is it that he should be chosen to address the alumni, for Mr. Abernethy is a grandson of Dr. R. L. Abernethy, founder of Rutherford College, and it was his father who held the distinction of being the first



### RUTHERFORD WINS JUNIOR COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP, BASEBALL

Rutherford College again takes the State championship title among the Junior Colleges of the State. For the last three years Rutherford has wrested this coveted title from her opponents without any question and with very little trouble.

Not in a single instance did the Rutherford team meet its superior. The team has not been defeated in a single series of games with any institution during the last three years, a record of which very few if any Junior Colleges in the State can boast. The series was a hotly contested one, and for this reason it is no mean honor to hold this distinctive title of championship.

### FINIS

We come to the close of a most tumultuous yet successful year's work at Rutherford. Many have been our difficulties, and some have not been easy to overcome—fires, famine, pestilence, and campaigns—yet out of it all has come good.

With sacrifice goes appreciation; with appreciation goes unity and cooperation. This is a plausible reason for the excellent, friendly school spirit that exists upon the campus. Of course, there are always conditions and occurrences on any college campus which give rise to "foul murmurings," but be it said for the Rutherford student body, it has played its part in a very fine way. This year has been the transition period in the life of Rutherford College from a great institution to a greater one, and the students are to be commended for the magnificent way they have cooperated with the administration.

student to graduate with a degree from Rutherford. Congressman Abernethy himself graduated from Rutherford, later receiving his degree from the University of North Carolina.

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### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMME

Friday, May 25  
8:00 P. M.—Recitation and Declaration Contest.  
Saturday, May 26  
8:00 P. M.—Orator's Contest.  
Sunday, May 27  
11:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon—By Dr. J. M. Ormond, School of Religion, Duke University.  
8:00 P. M.—Y. M. C. A. Sermon—Rev. R. Dwight Ware, pastor First Methodist Church, Lexington, N. C.  
Monday, May 28  
11:00 A. M.—Alumni Address—Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, Member of Congress from the Third District.  
12:30 P. M.—Alumni Dinner followed by Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.  
3:30 P. M.—Baseball Game.  
8:00 P. M.—Debate.  
Tuesday, May 29.  
10:00 A. M.—Graduating Class Exercises.  
11:00 A. M.—Literary Address—Mr. Henry R. Dwire, formerly Editor and Publisher Winston-Salem Journal.  
2:00 P. M.—Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees.  
3:00 P. M.—Commencement Play.

### PROFESSORS JERNIGAN AND GOBLE TO GO TO CHICAGO UNIVER.

Professor C. C. Jernigan, head of the English department, and Professor W. B. Goble, head of the History department, are to work at Chicago University next year on their doctor's degree. Both of these young men have their Master's degree from Duke University and expect to finish the work for their Ph.D. in two years there; Mr. Jernigan in English and Mr. Goble in History.

These men have not only been effective instructors, but have been influential as leaders in the civic life of the community. The institution as well as the town will feel keenly the going of these young men? Through our columns we extend to them a hearty wish for a successful career.

### LYCEUM COURSE

Five of the best numbers of the Redpath Chautauqua Lyceum Course have been secured to be given at Rutherford College next year. The Redpath is the best known, high class entertainment bureau in America, and it is with a bit of pride that this course is being offered for the coming year. It is the notion of the management that a course such as this is inestimable in value. It serves to entertain, instruct, and in every way that goes to make a well rounded curricula. A very small fee will be attached to the expense of each student, which makes it possible to offer the best program of entertainment ever given here. Every number strikes a high level in artistic perfection.

In selecting this course the committee has endeavored to select a varied program; one that will raise the standard of campus entertainment and at the same time hold the interest of every student. For those who are more thoughtful is offered lectures. To those seeking clean fun and mystery is offered a magician; to the lover of drama is offered a play, and music lovers will enjoy two very fine vocal and instrumental concerts. These courses are to be distributed out over the period of the school year.

### THE WORK MUST GO ON

Now that the Diamond Jubilee Campaign has got off to such a good start there must be no faltering. The work must go on.

Rutherford is on the way now very definitely to Standard Junior College rating.

This is the greatest forward step taken by Rutherford in many years, and a step that must assuredly bring us support from our friends everywhere; a step, too, that is making for us scores and scores of new friends.

Yes, Rutherford now is definitely on the upgrade, and for that reason the work must go on without any (Continued on fifth page)

### NOTE OF WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Students and citizens of the community I wish to extend a hearty welcome to all former students and friends of Rutherford College, who have returned to attend the Diamond Jubilee Commencement. Especially do we welcome those former students who were at Rutherford during the days of her founder, Dr. R. L. Abernethy. The New Rutherford may not mean to you what Rutherford meant during the days of her former glory. At the same time, we of the New Rutherford appreciate your presence, and covet your interest and help in building the New, and the great and worthy traditions of the Old.  
E. P. BILLUPS,  
President.

### LETTER MEN ATTEND BANQUET

Last Saturday evening at eight o'clock all letter men in school were the guests of the Athletic Association at a banquet in the college dining hall. Through the efforts of Professor Johnston and a number of ladies of the community, the dining hall had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. College pennants and banners were in evidence on the walls, and the tables were decorated with gold and black paper, the school colors.

Besides the letter men, there were present Messrs. C. F. Ivey, L. S. Weaver, R. L. Weaver, R. K. Johnston, C. C. Jernigan, D. D. Holt and J. Pons. Coach Weaver acted as toastmaster, and he filled this position very efficiently. All the members of the faculty responded with interesting speeches when they were called upon by the toastmaster. Also the managers and captains of the respective teams made very interesting talks, some of which were comical.

Just before the banquet closed an election was held to determine who should be the captain of the baseball team for next season, and the members of the baseball team were awarded letters for their work of the past season. Luke Ward, star catcher, was elected captain of the team for next season. The following are the names of men who were awarded letters:

Stars: Captain Buff, Bumgarner, Griffin.

Letters: Captain-elect Luke Ward, Weaver, Goodman, Pickelsimer, "Buddy" Ward, Connor, Blythe, Quick and Manager Bruton.

### PROSPECTS FOR A CAPACITY STUDENT BODY NEXT YEAR GOOD

Many young men have already made application to enter Rutherford College next fall. Many others have asked for catalogues and information about the school. Judging from all we know we will be taxed for room. It will be necessary in the near future to erect another dormitory to take care of the influx of students, which is a result of our publicity from the campaign.

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