The U.D.C., at their 1920 Convention, decided to co-operate.

United Confederate Veterans and Sons

Rutherford Committee

TO DISSEminate

The Truths of Confederate History

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. June 7th, 1921.

Supt. T.R. Forest,
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Sir:-

The Rutherford Committee, is composed of members from each of the three great Confederate federations, the Veterans, their Daughters and their Sons. It was constituted, and the entire influence of these organizations pledged to fully support our actions, to have the Truths of Confederate History taught to the Young of the South. We hope to accomplish this good work, largely through the Text Book Commissions of the various States. So far, Mississippi and Texas have acted and, after our Committee had presented this matter to their Commissions, adopted School histories, which the Rutherford Committee deemed true to the South. In fact, Texas went so far as to invite us to revise, for a reprint edition, the history it had selected, so that we could be sure it was true to the South.

The next State adopting is your State, grand old North Carolina. Under its law, your Commission has first to establish a "Course of Study", a most wise provision, and subsequently to adopt books suitable for that course of study. Our Committee would respectfully ask that, in arranging such a course, you give a prominent place to these important historical facts,—first, that North Carolina had a legal, moral and constitutional right to secede in 1861 and, second, present the true history of the gallant struggle she made to sustain her principles. You will realize that the young of your State should be taught that their forebears, were patriots and heroes and not traitors and cowards. No Land without a past can hope for a future. North Carolina has a glorious past and its teaching to her young must incite them to live worthy of their ancestors' fame.

Later on, when the time comes for the selection of Text Books, our Committee will ask permission to aid you in securing histories true to the South.

May we ask if this movement meets your approval and if we can count on your valued help to carry it through to success?

Very truly yours,

Chairman, Rutherford Committee.
U. C. V., U. D. C. and S. C. V.