

CITATION FOR WILLIS DUKE WEATHERFORD

On the Occasion of his Receiving the Degree of Doctor of Laws

WILLIS DUKE WEATHERFORD, Texan by birth and Tar Heel by adoption, Doctor of Philosophy of Vanderbilt (1907), National YMCA leader, professor in three universities and now Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, Berea College, has demonstrated, by his life of service to the Southern Appalachian region, the highest ideals of Christian leadership. Teaching and practicing the social gospel, he has played a prominent role in improving race relations, developing interdenominational cooperation, and furthering educational opportunities in the Southern highlands. Long after most men have retired, he has remained a creative force in our region.

One of the principal founders of the Blue Ridge Assembly, author of a dozen books in varied fields, Dr. Weatherford has crowned his labors by directing a definitive survey of life and culture in the Southern Appalachians, carried out by twenty scholars in ten cooperating universities.

Still alert and actively continuing his research, he remains a definitive leader, whose long and distinguished career clearly manifests the values this university has always sought; and in appreciation of his manifold contributions to our culture, the University takes pleasure in bestowing on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

A. C. Howell
Secretary of the Faculty

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