not more than twenty-five. Many of them have been soldiers and consequently are not very remarkable for orderly behavior. Of the old students there are only two beside myself. Will Reeves you will doubt-remember, He was from Tennessee in our class and your section, Jim Wall was in the Junior Class I ran for marshull against I thought. I was not acquainted with him before but I like him now very much. Will Reeves graduated last June, delivering the valedictory. The old corps of professors are still retained and all look as well as ever, they are always glad to hear of their old scholars & take great pleasure in hearing their interests. Old for Swain during one of his lectures to us last session in speaking of Judge Ruffin mentioned your father & yourself & gave us the reason why you were called Ruffin. In the village there has been Considerable change. Mr. Gann's dwelling, Mr. Bell's store and Loader's large Tailoring establishment adjacent to it have been burned to the ground. Loader himself has for sometime been keeping a boarding house and running the hack line between this place & Durham. Old Mr. Mallett has left his book store & gone to farming. His store is now the Post Office. Benton Utley possesses the largest dry goods establishment in town & occupies the stand formerly owned by Mr. Middle whose circumstances were so much reduced by the war that he was unable to continue his business. He is the only one of your creditors I have yet been able to see. He first presented me the account with the first endorsement, but I told him I thought that probably you would be better pleased to have him make the estimate for himself and he then added the second