

peace resumed her sway this act resulted to the great benefit of Mr. Davis and his people, and they became the fast friends of those institutions so started. This shows the homogeneity of the American people, their adaptability to self government and that we are a people with common interests and a common destiny and bears testimony in support of the statement of that great American, Henry Watter-son, a few days ago in London, when he said that no intelligent American desires anything but the most cordial and friendly relations between the two sections. Mr. Davis not accepting, the presidency, largely upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis was conferred upon Thos. S. Gathright of Mississippi, who served in that capacity for about three years.

May I not here lay a tribute upon his grave, as he has rested for fifteen years beneath a spreading oak in Eastern Texas ; our soil holds within its bosom the remains of many of the brave, the great, the good, yet there is intermingled with it nobler no dust than that of the unpretentious scholar who first presided over the destinies of this institution. A man of almost universal knowledge, professionally learned in nature and nature's laws, as well as the master of books, and the erudition of the closet; classical but no pedantic ; dignified but delightfully democratic and approachable. He could read the heart and disposition of a boy as well as he could read the lines of Virgil and doubtless he deemed it more important. A man of business and of affairs, yet a pleasing and fascinating speaker. In his Saturday evening lectures to the corps he inculcated the most sound and elevating views of life. At his bidding sublime conceptions sprang forth and stood before us and high behavior took enticing form while vice both great and small, became abhorrent and repelling, and withal so encouragingly and with such earnestness spoken that he seemed to add as admonition : "When I am forgotten, as I shall be, and sleep in dull, cold marble, when mention no more of me is heard, then say, I taught thee." May the grass grow green and the flowers blossom fair and sweet where he lies,

With him were elected a faculty of five members, filling