A Tribute to the Memory of John Mabry. DEC 4,1895

Through all the past ages it has been said that death loves a shining mark. It is difficult to tell whether this saying has grown out of the fact that we seldom appreciate the higher excellencies and virtues of our friends until they are taken from us or whether God takes the best prepared to himself when He is ready. One thing is certain, this saying has proven true in a very striking manner in the death of Mr. John Mabry which occurred at his home near Calhoun on November the 3rd. 1895.

When the sad intelligence went out that he was dead many were the hearts of his schoolmates and friends that bowed down at this sad news. It seems that none of of his vast host of friends were looking for or prepared for the terrible shock. His intellectual power and polished culture commanded respect and admiration where-ever he was known and one of the brightest stars in the bright constellation of teachers of Gor-

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don county, his place will be hard to fill. As a teacher he was original, cultured and more than ordinarily successful in imparting what he knew. Although he is taken from us, he is not dead. The good, when they leave us enter upon an inheritance that never dies. His body has passed into the cold, dark and gloomy grave. The flowers that were placed upon his bier have withered but his good influences will live forever in the hearts of the present and future generations.

With gentle and loving hands he was laid away in his last resting place and from hundreds of hearts went up silent prayers to God. Prayers of thankfulness for his life and of comfort and consolation for those nearest him upon whom fatls the keenest pain because of his departure from earth. Yet they know his soul has reached it's home in the happy land where all is peace and love.

Tis' well to have lived such

a life as his, and to know beyond peradventure, that, he is now with those gone before whose lives were pure and holy and from his heavanly home he looks down in love