

BLOOMINGTON, IND. May 30. 1887.

In view of the discussion of the
work in history which Dr. Dabney
has seen fit to give, I here
enclose the original Memorandum
as made to the Committee.

W.S. Jordan

Mem.

Dr. Babney seems to be a very thorough scholar, not only in History but in various related subjects. He works very hard, spending most of his time at his books. He uses English well, and promises to be a good writer, and, with practice, to attain fair skill as a speaker. He is very honest, independent, faithful to his work and has no objectionable habits. He is in all respects a gentleman.

He has however little power of adjustability: does not readily understand new conditions, and does not readily adjust himself to them. He does not take hold of new conditions readily - nor does he seem to understand human nature very well.

His Class-work is very accurately and carefully done, though he seems to rouse little enthusiasm or interest in his students.

He is a growing man, of positive ability, but he will grow slowly, and will not easily pass for all he is worth either with the students or the public. I should not rate his originality or his executive ability high. but

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There is something to be said to the effect that Dr. D. shows a lack of interest in the College as a whole - and in his students outside of the class-room.