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Committee Report Birmingham Association.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Andrew Jackson Waldrop.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

Rev. A. J. Waldrop was born in

Christian county, Kentucky, Feb-

ruary 7, 1815, and died at East Lake,

Alabama, September 13, 1896. His

father, Robert Waldrop, removed

from Kentucky to Jefferson county,

Ala., in 1815, the son being then

but three years of age. Here the

child grew into manhood, and the

man lived and labored until the

burden of fourscore years laid upon

his tired shoulders, and he gently

fell asleep, and in the same beau-

tiful valley, whose streams and flow-

ers and people were dear to his

heart, he was laid to rest, close by

the old Alabama church at East

Lake, of which he was the

pastor for thirty years.

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sketch to give a biography of our

departed brother, which would re-

quire a volume of many pages. We

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an article, to give some of the most

important facts and leading char-

acteristics of his eventful, work-

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combe into the fellowship of the

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1842, nine years later, he was or-

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church, the presbytery consisting of

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and broad sympathies, he was un-

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against the many disadvantages of

poor life. In accounting for so

useful a life under such adverse cir-

cumstances, we must not overlook

the extraordinary gifts of the man.

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leader. For a period of almost a

half century he was the most prom-

inent figure among the Baptists of

North Alabama. No man was more

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In 1844 he was elected clerk of

the Canaan (now Birmingham) as-

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until he was elected moderator in

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Waldrop's life, he had so few weak

ones. As a man he was honest,

candid, self-reliant and prompt. He

was known as a "minute man." He

was a broad-minded and enter-

prising citizen, who believed in law

and order, and always deprecated

mob violence and the un-American

spirit of anarchy. A favorite pas-

sage of Scripture with him was,

"Render unto Caesar the things

which are Caesar's, and unto God

the things which are God's."

He served his country three years

as tax collector and eight years as

clerk of the Circuit Court. Bro.

Waldrop was married five times.

His first wife, Miss Fannie Lee, was

the mother of his eldest son, Rev.

E. B. Waldrop, deceased. His

second wife, Miss Sarah Hood, was

the mother of his only surviving

son, Rev. Robert Waldrop, of

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