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Obituary for Mrs. Sarah Ann Walker

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Died, in Holly Springs, Miss., on the morning of the
14th of May, Mrs. SARAH ANN, wife of R.L. Walker,
and daughter of Col. Wm. Byars, of Washington Co.,
Va., where she was born.

The visitations of death are so frequent, that few
beyond the narrow limits of the domestic circle ever
pass to shed a tear, or reflect for a moment over the
closing grace of buried hopes. As the leaf falls in
autumn or the pebble sinks beneath the water's sur
face, so friend after friend departs, and pass away
from human view. It is pleasant, however, to know
that notwithstanding the prevailing obliqueness of
Earth as respects the pious dead, they are not for
getten. Their record is on high. "The Righteous
shall be held in everlasting remembrance." A par
tial fulfilment of this gracious promise is seen in the
humble monument which the hand of Christian affec
tion rears, or the lines which it traces as a record of
departed virtue, but more fully, in those entries which
God himself has made in the Book of Eternal Life.

Mrs. W. was naturally possessed of a feeble con
stitution and from early life, her health was delicate
and precarious. As a consequence perhaps, by the divine
blessing, her mind was early turned to the important
subject of her personal salvation. In due time she
connected herself with the Presbyterian church in
whose bosom she had been reared, and of which she
remained a consistent and devoted member till called
to join the General Assembly and church of the first
born which are written in Heaven. Th. u. h. alms to a
stranger to a state of firm health; throughout the long
and tedious years of her suffering, she ever exhibited
in the presence of her friends unusual cheerfulness
and great buoyancy of spirit. She never murmured,
while her natural vivacity and cheerfulness were
manifestly temeased by an ever present and ever in
creasing interest in divine things. Her character was
of the finest mould uniting great tenderness, simplic
ity and meekness which rendered her a great fa
vorable in the circle of her numerous friends. In her
Christian character she exhibited great meekness and
patience with a steadiness of devotion that was alike
removed from either that cold indifference or slf/il
enthusiasm which often mar the Christian profession.
Her piety was of a decided cheerful character, but
at the same time solid and steady, and not easily dis	urbed by the winds of temptation or adversity. She
prized religion for its truth and purity and its abun
dant consolations and supports. But these graces of
her Christian character, it pleased God, to severely
try by personal affliction and those ill and reverses
which are incident to this ever changing world, still
by the help of divine grace she endured as seeing Him
who is invisible and rose superior to them all.
Though, as stated, the subject of much suffering aris
ing from continued ill health, she never murmured,
but quietly and meekly submitted to the will of her
all-seeing Father. Of her peace and happy end her
friends entertain no misgivings, although her death
was sudden as to preclude the possibility of much
conversation. It is matter of special regret, that it
occurred in the absence of both her husband and pas
tor. But God was with her and having finished her
course, she has gone to receive her crown. "Blessed
are the dead who die in the Lord!"