

LIBERTY TO BE GLORIFIED.

Monument to the Signers of Mecklenburg's Independence

TO BE UNVEILED NEXT MAY.

Teachers' Assembly -- Shipment of Strawberries -- Sale of Commercial Fertilizers.

The Charlotte Observer of the 25th says a business meeting of the Mecklenburg Monument Association was held in the rooms of the Southern Manufacturers' Club yesterday afternoon. The gentlemen whose names follow, members of the association, were present: President F. D. McDowell was in the chair; Messrs. E. D. Latta, S. Wittkowsky, H. S. Chadwick, J. H. Wilson, J. S. Davidson, W. W. Watt, Dr. R. J. Brevard, Maj. J. G. Harris and Capt T. R. Robertson. The meeting was a business one in every sense of the word, and the noble little band of patriots whose memories it is sought to honor could scarcely have been more determined and desperately in earnest than these latter day patriots who declare that within one year from today a fitting memorial to their worthy predecessors of a century and a quarter ago—a ten thousand dollar monument—shall rear its lofty head in proud commemoration toward the vault of heaven, standing as a perpetual notice to posterity that Mecklenburg county is sacred soil, and here first shone that light of liberty that has since flooded every corner of the civilized world and emancipated every civilized people of the earth. On motion of Dr. Brevard a committee, with plenary powers, was appointed, to be known as an executive committee, and composed of Messrs. Latta, Wittkowsky and Chadwick. This committee was selected to solicit numerous designs, estimated on a basis of ten thousand dollars, immediately. On motion of Mr. J. H. Wilson, it was agreed that the executive committee should vigorously prosecute the work of raising funds necessary to complete the work in hand and be prepared to make its report on the first Thursday in October, immediately after which time the contract will be let and the monument be ready for the unveiling ceremonies on the 20th of May, 1898. It was further agreed on motion of Mr. Chadwick, that preparation be begun at once for holding the greatest celebration next year, on the occasion of the unveiling, that the State has ever had. There was but one sentiment animating the members of the committee apparently, and that was that a monument worthy of the cause must be built, and without delay.