

Memorial Committee to Meet
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Chairman Burgin Calls Meeting for Friday, at 11 A. M. to Discuss Plans—May Erect Hospital.

Chairman W. O. Burgin of the committee elected by the Memorial Association formed in the courthouse here on Saturday, May 10, at the close of the memorial service held in memory of the thirty-five or forty who gave their lives for humanity, has called a meeting of the members of this committee for the purpose of discussing plans and taking such action as is deemed wise to erect some permanent memorial. The following men, therefore, are requested to meet in the courthouse Friday at 11 a. m.; W. O. Burgin, Ned Griffith, B. I. Harrison, O. E. Shaver, Edw. L. Greene, T. H. Livingston, and J. H. McCrary.

There is considerable speculation and discussion of the proposed memorial, and it is well that there is. It is believed that the people of Davidson county are desirous of erecting a fitting expression of their appreciation for what these soldiers and sailors have done. Some perhaps would have erected a bronze tablet, some a great marble shaft, and others favor a memorial hospital. It is to discuss these points and attempt to determine what form the memorial should take that the meeting is called.

There is strong sentiment in favor of the hospital idea. It has the endorsement of the Council of Defense, some members of the memorial committee, and a number of citizens. It is pointed out that a hospital would be fitting in that it is a humanitarian institution, that it was a hospital which sheltered and gave comfort to many of the soldiers who served and died "over there," and that a hospital is one of the great needs of Davidson county at this time.

Davidson county has been in need of a hospital for a long time. Weekly if not daily citizens of this county are compelled to go out of the county for a service which should be rendered them at home. They are compelled to go to hospitals in Salisbury, High Point, Winston-Salem, or elsewhere at a considerable added expense and inconvenience to themselves. The need for a hospital in a town the size of Lexington, a town which is pregnant with possibilities and resources, a town situated on two railroads and the home of diversified manufacturing industries, in a county whose soil is fertile and whose citizens are prosperous—is evident. And a more fitting memorial, in the estimation of many, can hardly be erected.

The committee invites expression of opinion from the people of the county either by communications with the chairman of the committee, Mr. Burgin, or through the columns of *The Dispatch*.