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To return to the matter of the monument to Gen. Davidson it may be well to say that inasmuch as the resolution providing for the memorial was passed by the Continental Congress and is not therefore binding on the Congress of the United States, it would be simply a graceful act on the part of the present Congress to carry out the original purpose. It might not be well to make an appropriation *ab initio* for the purpose, but certainly it would be but right and proper that the act of the Continental Congress which has never taken effect should be given vitality and put into execution. The original resolution was as follows:

"Resolved, That the Governor and Council of the state of North Carolina be desired to erect a monument at the expense of the United States, not exceeding in value five hundred dollars, to the memory of the late Brigadier-General Davidson, who commanded the militia of the District of Salisbury, in the State of North Carolina, and was killed, on the first of February last, fighting gallantly for the defence of the liberty and independence of these states."

This resolution was adopted and in 1881, the hundredth year after the death of General Davidson, Colonel Steele, as a representative of North Carolina on the floor of the Federal House, offered a resolution providing for an execution of the wish of the Continental Congress to honor Gen. Davidson's memory. Immediately there sprang up the rancorous and badly informed Conger, of Michigan, who asked in terms of great indignation, if it was possible that "the Congress of the United States had been asked to appropriate money for the erection of a monument to a rebel." Colonel Steele replied in the words of cutting sarcasm he knows so well how to use against those who deserve them, that it was true he had dared to offer a

resolution providing for the erection of a monument to a "rebel." There could be no doubt that the man whose memory he wished to honor was a rebel because he was the authority of the British Parliament and of King George III himself to that effect. Conger retired from the bout, discomfited, but the resolution was never adopted, the appropriation proposed by the Continental Congress was never secured and the monument has never been erected.

We trust our representatives will take the matter in hand again and make further effort to obtain the memorial which it was intended to provide. Even though no shaft of granite or marble should rise to the memory of the dead hero, however, there are monuments more enduring than those reared in honor of his patriotism and valor, and these are that notable institution of learning, Davidson College, and the fair and fertile country of North Carolina.