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COL. WHEELER'S LECTURE

On the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, Delivered before the nockburn of Scotland, and Lexington Mecklenburg Historical Society, at the Court House in Charlotte, on Monday, 24th of May, 1875. 76-6

[CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.]

This is true, and just what was intended to be done. The National Declaration of 1776 is not more true and authentic than is the Mecklenburg Declaration of 20th May, 1775. The one is elaborate and extended, the other is more concise and clear. If the one sented by history and tradition con-

Here, on the 3d of December, 1780, lid the Fabrias of America, General Nathaniel Greene, under orders from General Washington and Congress take command of the Southern army, which had been for the time defeated and dis-bad been for the time first Constitution of time first constitution of the time first Constit command, and "hoped that their mis-

Charlotte a bed of roses. Tarleton, who was with Lord Cornwallis, has re-

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Congress in opposition to Boyality at The records state thus:
The commission of the Peace for the State of North Carolina being read Robert Harris, Esq., pursuant to a dedu-ish commander could obtain in y. in-formation in that position that would facilitate his designs or guide his future onduct."
Charlotte was styled by the British "a pleasant place, but a d--d and fired upon. Attack was made at Polk's Mill, now called Catharine mills.
SUBSCRIPERS Polk's Mill, now called Catharine mills, according to law."

only two miles from town, on the Brit-ish pickets. They received a severe repulse at McIntyre's, seven miles from Charlotte, on the Beattie's Ford road, The British army lay from 30th Sep-tember to about 15 October, at Char-lotte, on the field south of the town,

when by Major Morrow. Lord Corn-wallis had his head quarters in a white house on the corner from the old court house, second house from the old court

house, second house from the corner, "Of illustrious men," says Thucydides, "the whole world is their sepulchre." Aged 68 years." "Let me die the death of the righteous and m last end be like his." But there are some sacred spots which have been specially consecrated in the memories of all ages of mankind by the boly halo which surrounds the il-Of these is Marathon of Greece, Banturning point of the Revolution; for soon after came the victory of the Cowon the 4th of April, 1775. pens, 17th Jan., 1781, then Guilford, 15th March, following, then Yorktown, 19th Oct. which closed the war. Lord

lenburg County Court office will show fortunes would cease, and victory and that neither the Declaration of 20th ed by the Synods of New York, and Creek church graveyard. the glorious advantages attending it May, 1775, nor of the 4th of July, 1776, Philadelphia. He was the first Pastor The name of Wm. Kennon is among

against the National Declaration.

Adam Alexander was of military tastes. He was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of a battalion of Minute Men, with Thomas Polk as Colonel and Chas. District by the Provincial Congress,

as a Missionary to this region ; appoir.t-

might be the future portion of the Southern army." Here Cornwallis held his head quar-Declaration, but it is equally strong character, great enthusiasm with un- county 1774, as Chairman; and the flinching firmness. He did not live memorial of John Dunn shows that he

There is no name among these signers around which clusters more enabling recollections than that of Ephrain Brevard. This family is of Huguenot

ers, 1781, the British army plundered and burned the house of John Brevard his father; and for the reason that he had seven sons in the rebel army. It is but fruth to say that is proclamation against this meeting, as being without legal au-thority. This is an epoch in our histo-ry. It is true, it was not a battle or a lustrious acts of patriots and martyrs. McLean as Major, by the Provincial Of these is Marathon of Greece, Ban-Council held at Johnston Court House, ders, Lord Cornwallis was "highly dis-18th December, 1775, and Colonel of Mecklenburg County with John Phifer as Lieutenant-Colonel and John David-vard who signed the Declaration, was a great drama, in which battles and blood are the direct and inevitable con-sequences. Had he had the power, Governor Martin would have seized as Lieutenant-Colonel and John David-son and George A. Alexander as Majors, by the Provincial Congress at Halifax, on the 4th of April, 1775. Hezekiah Alexander was more of a yet this did not disturb his studies, for or tinctured with the spirit of the times, statesman than soldier, active and use- he wos liberally educated. He gradua- declared that "nothing could be done." ful. He was born in this county in 1723. ted at Princeton in 1768, in the same Cornwallis fell back from Charlotte to Winnsboro, S. C., to prevent annoy-Committee of Safety for the Salisbury Committee of Safety for the Salisbury settled in Charlotte. He was in the and he walked from Charlotte to Newexpedition with General Rutherford in berne, rather than not be with those

near Toole's Ford. He left several standest is holy ground."—Ex. III: 9. But chiefly in its glorious record of Charlotte, bound up with the event we this day commemorate, and the patriotic men who accomplished it. We have handed down to us their names, and regret that neither tradi-tion or history afford very much, or Adlai Osborne. Preparatory from his family devotion to liberty and independence, he ant Colonelcy of the 2nd Continental early became distinguished for his Regiment; Alexander Martin Colonel, geon and went to Charleston, where, with Lincoln in 1780, he was taken a prisoner. He suffered so much from confinement and unwholesome diet, that his health gave way ; he was released, and returned home only to die. He reached the house of his friend and on the banks of the Irish Buffalo. No

children-and lies buried in Steel

Charlotte a bed of roses. Tarleton, who was with Lord Cornwallis, has re-corded in his memoirs that the coun-ties of Mecklenburg and Rowan (he calls it *Rohan*) were more hostile to England than any others in America. The vigilance and animosity of the sur-rounding districts, checked all the ex-ertions of the well affected, and totally destroyed all communication between The Communication of the Rowan of the Sector the thirs. The Commission of the Rowan of the Sector the thirs. The records prove that on the third The records prove that on the third the court "that the several dockets be continued." The first change of the judicial power rounding districts, checked all the ex-ertions of the well affected, and totally destroyed all communication between vant. san Spratt, and left several children, among them was Col. Wm. Polk, who

according to law." We regret that so little is known of Declaration of Independence ; and his cended from the blood of the covenanthe life and services of this Chairman of the Convention. Will not some pious Encas take upon his shoulders this tive and dignity of character contibuf a member of the popular branch of the Assembly in 1774. He was delega-ted by the people of Mecklenburg to meet the Provincial Congress at New-berne on the 25th of Area Newnoble Anchises and bear him safe from the waves of neglect and oblivion? He was an Elder in the Presbyterian May 1775." berne on the 25th of August, 1774 This was the first meeting of the repres-

descent. On their famous march in pursuit of Greene from the Catawba to Dan Riv-North Carolina. The royal Governor, Soto county, La., and one of the Judges of the Alabama Court of Claims (Geneva Commission.) One of the conflict of arms, but it was the first act in a great drama, in which battles and Polk whose grandson, Jas. K. Polk, was President of the United State, in 1845. The Memoirs of the distinguished man, his life and services, and that of every member of this body and tried his decendents, would afford ample material for the Historian. We learn that Tradition informs us, that Mr. Patton our history. We have now endeavored to present a rapid sketch of the lives and services of many of the signers of the Meeklen-

more concise and clear. If the one was destined to become the Saviour of the country, the other was the forerun-ner John; for it was truly as "the most holy ground, and we are disposed to obey the injunction given on Horeb to Moses, "Put of thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."—Ex. iii: 5. But chiefly in its glorious record of Charlotte, bound up with the event appointed by the Provincial Congres ment. All distinguished in after life, and are we trust ready to explore its hidden founders of large and influential fami-lies. He was a member from Meck-ures! The field is large, but the labor-St. Charles Hotel founders of large and influential familenburg of the Provincial Congress that ers are few ! Brevard, daughter of Adam Brevard. Robert married Margaret, daughter of 1776, with John McKnit Alexander and have traced with a rapid hand our early Situated in the Centre of Town John Phifer, as colleagues, and by this body he was promoted to the Lieutenhistory. I have shown the principles which formed the character of its early settlers; I have dwelt upon the Men of Mecklenburg and of Charlotte-which boldness and decision. He drew the resolutions which the convention adopted, and acted as one of the secre-taries. He joined the army as a Sur-taries. He joined the army as a Surciates, he was a member of the Com-mittee of Safety, formed for this coun-ty, with very full powers. They were a "terror unto evil doers." They held "Nunc Domine, demitte in pacem." I sincerely bid you farewell. their meetings at the Red Hill on the Salisbury road. He died near Concord "These are the deeds w monument marks his grave.

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Lordship take the woods. I am gentle men, with respect your humble ser-vant, THOS. POLK. CHARLOTTE, N. C. FFICE-In Dowd & Sims' New Built ant, THOS. POLK, He died at Charlotte on _____, and

ing, Up Stairs. lies buried in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church. He married Suan21-tf.

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commenced his career in a campaign under his father, in the expedition against the Scovilite Tories in the au-MOORE & PATTERSON, アロアアロセレモンションガガレ ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,

tumn of 1775; he was with Nash at Germantown in 1777, and with David-ASHEVILLE, N. C.,

son when he fell at the Catawba in Feb. Practice in all the State Courts, and in the 1781, and with Greene at Eutaw in Federal Courts at Asheville and Statesville. Sept. 1781. He was severely wounded The Collection of Debts, Claims and Per at the latter place, the effects of which he carried to his grave. He held the rank of Lientenant Colonel in the ar-my when the war closed. He returned sions, a Specialty, Strict personal attention given to the col-ection of all Debts in Western North Caro-

lina. Remittances promptly made, to Charlotte and represented Mecklen-burg county in 1787-'90-'91. He lived REFERENCES : HON. J. L. BAILY AND

T. D. CARTER, ASHEVILLE, N. C. nov. 19. for a long time in Raleigh, holding a

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ATTORNEY AT LAW ing a widow who was a daughter of Col. Hawkins, and several children; among them Bishop Polk, of Louisiana, who was killed in the late civil war, while holding the position of General. Gen-eral Thos. G. Polk (now dead) and Mrs. Kenneth Rayner, wife of Hon. Ken-neth Rayner, a distinguished son of North Caroling, now residing in Da Charlotte, N. C. Special stiention to spits for and against corporations. COTTON MERCHANTS.

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voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way, make his paths straight."-Matt. iii : 3. The one is the unanimous declaration of 13 states, pledged to mutual support and cooperation; the other, without any sup-port or hope of support, made the bold and dubious resolve. The one challenges our admiration, the other our veneration. Both are immortal. These papers introduced a new era of man-

kind. Lord Chathan declared in the English Parliament that he must avow in all his reading and observation, that for solidity of reasoning, force of sagacity, wisdom of conclusion under such a complication of difficult circum stances, no nation or body of men can compare to the General Congress assembled at Philadelphia on the 4th of July, 1776.

Merabeau said, "I ask if the powers that have the control of the civilized globe have dared to read that manifestato of human rights, and then intero-I ask if there is at this day a single government of Europe, which, judged by the principles of the American De claration of Independence, is not di-vested of all its rights and all its power." ate their consciences after the perusal.

world. At this period the civilized world was ruled by hereditary or mili-tary rulers, governing by the grace of God or gunpowder. England was ruled by George III. Although an amiable wifer natriotics, their triumphs. For wirtue or ability, almost an infectie, and finally ender the despotic, sway of France, under the despotic, sway of can summon the spirits of the dead, so that we of the neonle, but by the convices of

reminiscences. We feel that it is al-

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

Modesty and humility are the in-separable companions of valor and virtue. Good men are always ready to do great deeds; they are satisfied with the consciousness of doing their

duty. They have too much modesty to laud their own actions; and whenever

the small store of information we pos, Maryland line,* in 1733; served as an tween the past and the present. Much THE EFFECTS FOLLOWING THESE DECLA RATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE, not only upon our own country, but upon the destinies of the civilized world. At this period the civilized that is known will perish with us, if not preserved. Let us then endeavor to imitate the gentle enthusiasm of upon the destinies of the civilized world. At this period the civilized their monuments to deepen the in-

tion or history afford very much, or extended information as to the LIVES AND CHARACTER AND SERVICES OF THE SIGNERS OF THE MECKLENBURG Halifax, on the 4th April, 1776, Paymas-ter of the Fourth Regiment North Caro-lina Continentals—Thos. Polk, Colonel; James Thackston, Lieutenant-Colonel;

and William Davidson as Major. He died 16th July, 1801, and lies buried in Sugar Creek Church grave yard. The inscription on his tomb-stone reads

thus In Memory

Hezekiah Alexander,

Who Departed this life July I6, 1801 Aged 73 years. Of John McKnitt Alexander we have

more information than of the others. He was born in Pennsylvania, near the apprentice to the trade of Tailor; when his apprenticeship expired, at the age

fellow patriot, John McKnit Alexander, where he died. He was a delegate with Joseph Graham to both conventions which considered the Federal Constitution. His military reputation was high; he was with Sumter in August 1700 at the

of the people, but by the caprices of can talk to them "as man talketh to an active participator in the Convention the defeat at More's Creek of the tories, it was towards the caprices of man, face to face."

But left him alone in his glory.'

General in the State. He married a daughter of Thomas Polk; one daughter survived him, who married Dickinson, of South Carolina, her Centennial! County in Dec. 1775, Lieutenant Colo-nel of the 1st Battalion of Minute men, in the Salisbury district; of which Griffith Rutherford was Colonel, and John Paisly Major: He was a member

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