

THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT.

It Will be a Handsome and Massive Monument—A Bronze Statue.

The Confederate monument to be erected in the court square in Shelby arrived last week after much delay and the workmen began at once to prepare the foundation for the monument. It has been moved from the cars at the depot to the court square and will be erected at once.

The foundation is made of crushed rock and cement and has been carefully and skillfully prepared and the foundation rises two feet above the ground and on this will be the first piece of the monument, which is the largest and heaviest one. Several of the blocks of granite weigh eight and twelve thousand pounds respectively and this will indicate something of the massiveness of the monument when completed.

The base plate of the monument, which is the heaviest piece, weighs from fifteen to eighteen thousand pounds and it required ten mules to pull it on the wagon from the Southern depot to the court square and this piece has already been placed in position.

A very fine bronze statue of a private soldier will be placed on top of the monument. The monument will be completed within the next few days, but the unveiling will probably not take place until spring, owing to the fact that it would be difficult to find a day suited to outdoor exercises during the winter.

The monument will have to be paid for within a few days and the Daughters of the Confederacy desire all who subscribed to the monument fund to make immediate payment, as all of the money will be needed next week. In addition to this they would like to have some more volunteer contributions as the amount subscribed will not be quite sufficient to pay the entire sum.

The monument will cost \$2500 besides a little extra cost for arranging the ground around the monument.