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### Office of

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, President

521 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dec. 9, 1916.

Dear Co-Worker:

Since our Convention at Baltimore, we have been trying to arouse every Negro woman in America to greater activity through her State President, and other officers. We realize that to-day is the psychological moment for us as women to show our true worth, and prove that the Negro woman of today measures up to those strong, sainted women of our race, who passed through the fire of slavery and its galling remembrances.

The Committee sent out to investigate the Frederick Douglass Home, after carefully studying the situation and consulting with the Board of Trustees, together with Judge Robert H. Terrell, Hon. J. C. Napier, and Mrs. Addie W. Dickerson, Superintendent of our Legislative Department, hereby declare our purpose to wipe out the indebtedness on the home of the late Frederick Douglass, and restore it to its former beauty, that we may make of this historic place, a hallowed spot where our boys and girls may gather during the years to come, and receive hope and inspiration and encouragement to go forth like Douglass and fight to win.

The attainment of the goal depends upon the enlistment of every Negro man, woman, boy and girl in America. If we can mobilize all the resources of our Association we can save the home by one day's co-operative effort.

We purpose to enlist the largest possible number of people, especially the boys and girls in this part of the work of our Association and rely upon race loyalty and pride, as the energizing power. We purpose to employ such methods as will enable us to use every resource within our power for the accomplishment of this task. The need is concrete, and we know that our share toward saving the home, is comparatively small. This however, will give us the courage to feel that by all working together, it can be accomplished. We will thus place our Association on record as saying "I will to our program of advancement."



Every boy and girl should become a co-operative member in this program, and with that in view, we earnestly urge every Woman's Club in the United States, whether affiliated with their State organization or National Association or not, to aid us in commemorating the heroic deeds of this illustrious man, who did as much to abolish slavery as any man of his times. February 12th is regarded as his natal day, but as it falls this year upon Saturday, we can, if you desire, celebrate it Friday, February 11th, 1917.

The entire week ("Douglass Week") could be used to arouse race loyalty. We trust that you will commence work now and co-operate with us in carrying out this program in your Club, Church and City, and may this gift of ours to our race be the beginning of years of victorious service.

Mrs. Nettie L. Napier, 120 Fifteenth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, has been appointed Treasurer. Send all moneys to her.

We have decided to place upon parchment, to hang on the walls of the Douglass Home, the names of every individual or club that contributes the sum of \$25.00, and for the Club which sends the greatest amount over \$25.00, a special tablet will be placed. This is done that our children in the years to come, when paying their visit to this shrine, may read the names of loyal race men and women, who have proven false, the accusation so long brought against us, that "We show no gratitude for benefactors, if doing so costs dollars and cents."

We need \$15,000 for the saving and restoration of the home and grounds. How much will you and your Club, Church or organization give? Everyone who sends a dime shares in the redemption of the home and enters into partnership with the Trustees.

With abiding faith in our women to attempt and accomplish great things for God and the race

We remain,

Sincerely your Co-Workers,

Florence Randolph, Jersey City, N. J.

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