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Honorable Frederick Douglas once said in a great public meeting in New York: "The colored race will not crawl in the dirt forever. It is honorable to do white-washing, but there is no reason why my people should do that and nothing else. The day will come in which they will be found in all pursuits, achieving distinction and showing capabilities which they were never supposed to possess. The destiny of the colored race is in their own hands, they must bear and suffer, they must toil and be patient, they must carve their own fortunes, and they will do it."