

GROSSON TRIBUTE

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tute might stand as a monument to Dr. Brown but to me her greatest contribution is her influence in regard to the social mores of our state and race.

No handicap, no problem, however, complex and burdensome could stop her, if she felt the cause was necessary to bring to fruition she would put her heart, soul and mind into the case and would devote her rich full life to the problem until it was solved. Her's is a "Pattern for Life," and her motto has long been, "Educationally Efficient, Culturally Secure and Religiously Sincere."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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1601 R. Street N. W., Washington, D. C. Holding meetings there gave opportunity to see the whole building, the different gifts made by State Federations, clubs and individuals and to find out some of the things needed for improving the building. Our help is greatly needed and it is my hope that we shall find it possible to do something about it. A detailed list of needs is available.

Following several sessions relative to business of the National Association many individuals took advantage of the opportunity to see Cedar Hill, the Aancostia home of Frederick Douglas which we refer to as the Frederick Douglas Memorial. The large two story structure stands at the top of a hill so high that several sets of steps must be ascended to reach it. One had to notice the need of re-landscaping and personnel to keep up the many acre surroundings. At the top of the hill much of Washington was easily viewed.

A feeling of sacredness and regret for neglect crept over one on entering the building, going from room to room one saw the many possessions of Douglas many of which were received from nobility in foreign lands. Seeing lithographs and paintings from antebellum, Civil War and Reconstruction periods when Douglas, an ex-slave, was an advisor to U. S. Presidents, abolitionists and the "radical Republicans" made one feel face to face with history.

The National Association once restored the home in 1922 after the women's group had paid off a mortgage left by the Douglas widow. An act of Congress made the property tax exempt and Mrs. Douglas deeded the land to a board of trustees for a memorial to her husband. Plaques still bear names of many clubs making contributions to the 1922 restoration.

A caretaker, Mrs. Gladys Parham, lives in an apartment on the grounds at Cedar Hill and opens the building for visitors. Accord-

ing to Mrs. Parham's report very few people have visited the shrine during recent years and the guest book verifies her statement.

On Sunday, February 26, 1961 at Sheraton Park Hotel around 1,000 persons gathered to pay tribute to Frederick Douglas and launch a drive for funds to restore and maintain his home. During the three hour program, U. S. Senator Philip Hart, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president-emeritus of Howard University and Dr. Benjamin A. Quarles, chairman of the department of history at Morgan State College, Baltimore lauded Douglas and urged the support of efforts to make Cedar Hills a place which would make America proud. Dr. Joseph H. Douglas of Washington, grandson of Douglas, the Rev. E. Franklin Jackson, president of the D. C. Branch of NAACP and Dr. Rosa L. Gragg were also speakers at the occasion.

Under Dr. Gragg's direction the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs will attempt to raise \$100,000 during 1961 in order to do extensive renovating and landscaping at the Douglas Home. What shall we as women of the N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs do to help the worthy cause?

Mr. Blaine Madison, Commissioner of Correction, recently called a meeting with Miss Mae D. Holmes, Superintendent of the Training School and the president of your Federation at the home of the latter.

Mr. Madison called attention to the fact that there are 1,400 boys and girls in the State schools of correction and training with half the number in institutions for Negroes. For years the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs has provided birthday cheer for all the boys and girls. With the increase in number from year to year there is a feeling that we might provide cheer for our own. I readily agreed but would like the opinion of the Federation. Such might be done according to our present distribution according to districts without overtaxing anybody.

As further consideration for students of schools of correction and training club women have helped those who have returned to their communities in many ways. In my judgment that too is of vast importance.

E. M. SPELLMAN

Poetry Corner

Some "BE's" For A "Leader" To Keep in Her "Bonnet"

1. "BE" on time. Meet promptly and leave on schedule.
2. "BE" friendly — welcome new faces; pay attention to each person.
3. "BE" informal — but not haphazard.
4. "BE" familiar with the interests, problems and needs of the group.
5. "BE" certain that your discussion is based on **facts**—not **fancy** or **fiction**.
6. "BE" a good engineer—keep your meetings and discussions on the "track." Prepare an agenda and stick to it.
7. "BE" sure to close your meeting or discussion with a summary statement, indicating significant points covered or decisions made.
8. "BE" cheerful, courteous and confident.
9. "BE" open-minded — release your responsibility as a leader to others in the group.
10. "BE" an artist in human relations—grow your own leadership skills.

GUEST SPEAKER

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Atlanta, Ga. — Summa Cum Laude. This college in 1950 gave her an award as one of the outstanding graduates of the mid-century, 1900-1950.

She did further special study at Tuskegee Institute, Wayne State University and University of Michigan.

Mrs. Gragg holds Doctor of Humane Letters from Paul Quirm College, Texas and Doctor of Law from Monronia College, Africa, and other noted citations. She has had many outstanding appointments including one from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941; one from Ex-Governor Van Wagoner of Michigan; one from Ex-Mayor Van Aantweys of Detroit and others.

She is the wife of James R. Gragg, deceased, and mother of James R. Gragg, Jr., a recent honor graduate of Howard University.

She is a member and officer of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Detroit. She has been and still is very active in her church in many capacities. Mrs. Gragg figures prominently in some eighteen fraternal and civic organizations.

She has served in the teaching career of her home state as a high school teacher — a principal, where she was instrumental in building and paying for a Rosenwald School — climaxing this career as head of the English Department at Central Park College, Savannah, Ga.

Builders

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
And men said as they saw its beauty:
"It never shall know decay,
Great is thy skill, O builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple,
With loving and infinite care;
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised the unceasing efforts,
None knew of the wondrous plan,
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eye of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumbled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar—
Food for consuming rust;
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll;
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

(Authorship unknown)

Be Glad

Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and fear nothing except cowardice; be governed by your admirations rather than your disgusts; covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends. —Van Dyke

"Walk the World"

For everyone that God gave
breath,
Some talent He gave, too,
To use for bettering the world,
This you alone can do.
Forget the struggles of the day,
Look up and see the sun,
And when the evening shadows fall,
Just count the gains you've won.

And as you walk along life's way,
Where all flows fresh and free,
Receive the gift divine,
Light to be.
Wishing to be great,
Or spurning what is small,
With strength to undertake the
task,
To glorify all.

Remember good, remember truth,
Just know that God cares for you,
And you will find through age and
youth,
True friends to walk with you.

—Louise Grant