

A TRIBUTE

Mrs. Rose Douglass Aggrey

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In the great flood of human life that is spawned upon the earth, it is not often that a woman of the character and stature of Mrs. Rose Douglass Aggrey is born. She was formed of that infinitely rare mixture that now and then at long, long intervals combines to make a real great person. Mrs. Aggrey was one of the rarest souls who ever lived and died. Hers was a humble birth, a fearless life, and a dramatic fitting death. We who knew her, we who loved her, we who rallied to her many calls, we who dared to praise her name while her heart still beat, cannot yet feel that we shall never hear her voice.

Mrs. Rose Douglass Aggrey was a soldier tried and true; not a soldier clad in uniform, decked in spangles and led by fife and drum in the mad intoxication of the battle field; such soldiers have not been rare upon the earth in any land or age. She was a soldier in

the everlasting struggle of the human race for liberty, justice, and righteousness. From the first awakening of her young mind until the last relentless summons came, she was a soldier who had no rest or furlough.

My dear friend, long and well have we known you, devotedly have we followed you, implicitly have we trusted you, fondly have we loved you. We now must say farewell. The heartless call has come and we must stagger on the best we can alone. In the darkest hours, we will look in vain for your loved form, we will listen hopelessly for your devoted fearless voice. But, though we lay you in the grave and hide you from the sight of man, your brave words will speak for the underprivileged, the oppressed, and the weak. Your devoted life will inspire countless souls to do and dare in the holy cause for which you lived and died.

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beginning as club women on the local level."

After the Mass Meeting a reception was held on the patio of one of the buildings at Albany State College. Tables were decorated in rainbow colors and laden with attractively arranged and appetizing delicacies.

Attending a meeting of the Executive Board gave an opportunity to see the Albany Club House which certainly is a credit to the club ladies. At a luncheon the rules of the convention, discussion of the incomplete constitution etc. formed the agenda.

Despite intense summer weather convention business got under way on Monday morning with the usual preliminaries. The reports of State Presidents in alphabetical order, showed Alabama as having the largest number of representatives in both adult and youth departments. Our Federation ranked second lowest in adult representation with none in the youth department.

Surely you do not need to be told that our Federation report ranked favorably with all the others. It included as you know our celebration of our Fifteenth Anniversary, holding of annual meetings, division into districts, main objectives, our issuing the Federation Journal, contributions to worthwhile causes, our winning

first place for scrap books at the National and second place for statistical reports, our decision to launch a drive for the restoration of the Frederick Douglas Memorial, our decision to recognize the birthdays of our boys and girls at Correctional Institutions, our taking Life Membership in the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, our sending a message to the Governor of our State about the appointing of a Negro on the Board of Correctional Institutions and the effort of the club ladies of Rocky Mount to provide gainful employment for our people. What wonders can be accomplished with the united effort of club women!

At the Monday afternoon program highlights included the presentation of Dr. W. H. Dennis, President of Albany State College as luncheon speaker who used as his theme, "Frontiers of Higher Education for Women and Girls". Reports of Departmental workshops on Mother, Home and Child, Education, Women in Industry and Health followed the message of the morning.

Listening at the Youth Oratorical Contest on, "Youth America's New Image" made me feel more and more the need of our placing greater emphasis on our youth work if we are to do our part to help them on local levels then help them compete with the youth of other states. Judging the contest was no easy matter. In the



When the Southeastern Federation of Colored Women's Clubs met in annual session recently at Albany State College, the North Carolina Federation was represented by five of the ladies shown here. Mrs. E. M. Spellman, seated center, of Elizabeth City, is president of the state group. Others are, seated left, Miss Ione B. Henderson, and right, Mrs. Esther D. Moore, elected southeastern treasurer.

Standing, Miss Wilhelmina Crosson, president of Palmer Memorial Institute; Dr. Rosa P. Gragg, president, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., and principal speaker; and Mrs. T. O. White of Dunn.

During the convention, Mrs. Moore, in addition to being elected treasurer, served as chairman of the life membership committee. Mrs. Satterwhite was a member of the nominating committee, a judge for the art exhibit and named chairman for "National Notes for North Carolina." Mrs. Henderson was a member of the budget and finance committee. Miss Crosson, the "awards night" speaker, was appointed to the Frederick Douglass Advisory committee. She was introduced by Mrs. Spellman, who served on the Frederick Douglass Memorial committee and gave the biennial report for her state group.

early evening the Youth Talent and Fashion Parade gave further opportunity for the appreciation of our young people.

Though tired from the day's activities Monday evening found us attending Awards Night Program. Presentations were made for winners in various activities: Arts and Crafts, "March of States" Oratorical Contest, Talent and Fashion Winners, and Citations to regional women and girls for outstanding service. Your representatives appeared in the "March of States" but certainly won no award. The highlight of the evening's meeting was the appearance of our Miss Wilhelmina Crosson, president of Palmer Memorial Institute as speaker. Her subject, "Some Old patterns for Our New Frontiers" gave opportunity to remind her hearers of recalling many ideas which will help wonderfully in solving our present day problems. She was mindful of many of the women of our race whose patterns still are worthy of emulation. The humble introduction which your

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our representative on this activity and she will gladly accept your news and subscriptions.

4. It is not too early to plan for a visit to our Nation's Capitol next August where the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs expect to hold one of its greatest and most historic conventions. North Carolina must be there. It is so close to us. Your National Membership fees of \$2.00 may be sent to our Financial Secretary any time.

delegate gave Miss Crosson prior to her speech fell far short of the recognition due her. Having Miss Gerturde Dennis, daughter of the president of Albany State College and a student of Palmer Memorial Institute make a presentation to Miss Crosson and having many others of Palmer greet her certainly was rewarding to her.

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