

## MEMORIAL.

~~Resolved, That in the death of its Patrons, Mrs. Rosa Miller Avery, Mrs. Ruth O. Delamater and Miss M. Adeline Thomson, the Council has lost three whose names were valuable to it, and whose influence strengthened it in the communities in which their lives were passed.~~

~~Resolved, That the Council extends its sympathy to the organizations which form it for the loss during the last four years of many valued workers from their ranks, prominent among these being Lucy Stone, Amelia Bloomer, Mary J. Seymour, Mary T. Lathrop, Mary A. Woodbridge, Julia Ames, Mary Allen West, Myra Bradwell, Elizabeth Oakes Smith, Sally Holley, Virginia L. Minor and Marian Skidmore.~~

On motion of Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, the resolutions adopted, February 23, by the Council in triennial session, in memory of the lamented Frederick Douglass, who died suddenly upon entering his home on return from his visit to the meeting of the National Council, February 20, were ordered spread upon the records and stand as follows :

## Frederick Douglass.

BORN A SLAVE NEARLY EIGHTY YEARS AGO.

ESCAPED TO LIBERTY IN THE THIRTIES.

BEFORE THE WAR HIS FREEDOM WAS PURCHASED BY TWO ENGLISH WOMEN, SISTERS, THE MISSES RICHARDSON.

ENFRANCHISED BY THE PROPERTY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WHICH ALLOWED A PERSON, BLACK OR WHITE, TO VOTE, WHO HAD \$250.00 WORTH OF PROPERTY.

DIED WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 20, 1895.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Hon. Frederick Douglass, the National Council of Women of the United States, assembled in triennial session, feels itself sorely bereaved, and with tender respect and patriotic devotion, joins in memoriam of the great and good man passed away from the scenes of time.

We mourn him as a great and good man gone, as a great figure of prophecy, of hope and of fulfilment in the annals of American History; but keener is our sense of loss because he was so lately in our midst. His last day on earth was passed with us. His familiar form, his dignified and genial bearing on our platform was his last tribute to woman's progress toward higher ideals in society, in custom and in law.

His shadow still lingers in our portals; his words of sympathetic interest in our aspirations and our hopes still echoed through the evening air when the summons came; out of life into death he went; out of death into life eternal. With reverential thought, because of this swift, this unannounced transition,

and with solemn exaltation because of the possible dignity of human character and human achievements, which his life illustrates, we bring our tribute.

Born a slave, his human instinct drove him early to force his way to freedom. Liberty secured, his robust manhood made for himself an heroic career of service to his kindred, to his race, to his country and to the world. The tenderness of a refined nature sweetened his family life and ennobled his personal friendships. In the army of progress, he was the trusted comrade and the respected leader of men and women, living and dead, whom the years, more and more, will understand and honor.

He was a student of books, of men and of institutions. He wrote with clearness and force; he spoke with eloquence and power.

The woman movement found in him a friend and champion. His sense of justice and his soul of honor made their cause his own. He urged and aided the enlargement of their opportunities for education, for industrial independence and for political equality. He believed the quality of woman's service would be as helpful to the government as it had been blessed in the home.

He stood for temperance and purity and religion, and personified the virtues he extolled.

In him the hopes of his race were realized; in him humanity was dignified. The world is poorer because he is gone; humanity is richer because he came. The legacy of his life and service attests the truth that God keepeth watch above His own, that He shall turn and overturn until injustice dies and the right eternally triumphs.

(Signed)

MAY WRIGHT SEWALL,  
SUSAN B. ANTHONY,  
LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS,  
MARGARET RAY WICKINS,  
J. ELLEN FOSTER,  
REV. ANNA HOWARD SHAW,  
EMILY HOWLAND,

*Committee.*

#### FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

Swing wide, O shining portal,  
That opes to God's new day!  
Make room, ye ranks immortal,  
A conqueror comes your way!  
With greeting meet for victors  
Your hearts and hands outreach,  
Break, with glad song, his silence,  
Too deep and grand for speech.

Greet him with martial music,  
That fits a soldier's rest,  
For braver heart for battle  
Ne'er beat in warrior's breast.  
A great, white heart of pity,  
At war with sin and gloom,  
His home is with the heroes,  
Stand back and make him room.

Room for the stricken millions,  
 Unbound by freedom's wars!  
 To whom his strife meant light and life  
 And broken prison bars.  
 The love outpoured in prayers and tears,  
 Along the conqueror's track,  
 Is his spent love and life and years  
 Bringing their blessing back.

To live that freedom, truth and right  
 Might never know eclipse;  
 To die — with woman's work and word  
 Aglow upon his lips;  
 To face the foes of humankind  
 Through strife and wounds and scars;  
 It is enough! Lead on! to find  
 Thy place among the stars!

MARY LOWE DICKINSON.

~~Mrs. Kate Brownlee Sherwood moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the President for the just, impartial and efficient manner in which she had presided over the sessions of the triennial; for her unfailing kindness and courtesy, making this an ideal Council of Women. [Carried.]~~

~~Mrs. Sherwood also moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the Vice-President, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, and all who have so nobly and ably assisted the President in the discharge of her high duties. [Carried.]~~

~~The President feelingly responded.~~

~~Mrs. Gibbs, fraternal delegate from the Canadian Council, was presented by the Chair and spoke as follows: "Madam President and Ladies. In the absence of the Countess of Aberdeen, President of the National Council of Women of Canada, I wish to extend to the National Council of Women of the United States a most hearty invitation to attend the National Council of Canada, to be held in May next. We hope the Executive of this body will appoint an unlimited number of delegates that you may prove the deep tenderness and warm welcome that awaits you in Canada, and give us an opportunity to return some of the loving cordiality and hospitality that you have accorded to us."~~

~~On motion the invitation was accepted with thanks.~~

~~Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett presented the following, which had been introduced into the United States Senate:~~

~~WHEREAS, The industrial education of women in household arts is of national importance and a potent factor in the labor problem, and a complete~~