LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A new form of membership in the Association was inaugurated during 1927 and has already received enthusiastic response. It is a Five Hundred Dollar Life Membership, established by the Board of Directors in order that those individuals able to do so, might testify to their faith in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and in the future of the Negro's cause in America by making substantial contributions. Life Membership may be paid in full at the time of subscription or subcribed to and paid in annual instalments of at least \$100.

The names of Life Members of the Association are to be inscribed on a bronze tablet which is to be kept at the National Office so long as the Association exists, or in some place where its historical significance will be properly recognized by future generations. As a mark of appreciation to each individual complying with the provisions for Life Membership, the Board of Directors have authorized the casting of a bronze medal, properly inscribed, to be presented on some appropriate occasion.

The Life Membership Plan was established in the realization that the Association can function at its highest efficiency only if the daily efforts to secure funds necessary for its maintenance are in a larger degree lifted from the shoulders of those whose chief work ought to be the carrying out of the aims for which the organization exists. The Board of Directors recognize that this cannot be done and the work placed on the most effective basis through the small membership dues from which the Association now derives the major part of its financial support. Therefore, these Life Memberships have been established to provide an opportunity for those individuals more fortunately circumstanced to give not only for themselves but on behalf of those less able to give.

Those who have become Life Members and those who have subscribed to Life Memberships are as follows:

Life Members

John B. Nail, New York City Dr. Ernest R. Alexander, New York City

Subscribers to Life Memberships

Tracy W. Champion, Chicago, Ill.
Hon. Harry E. Davis, Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. Louis W. Davis, Cleveland, Ohio
Dr. Charles H. Garvin, Cleveland, Ohio
Paul E. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
Booker L. Jordan, Richmond, Va.
John E. Nail, New York
Frank Ryder Trigg, Norfolk, Va.
Dr. J. R. A. Webb, Norfolk, Va.
Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, Chicago, Ill.
Dr. Louis T. Wright, New York City

Full details of the requirements for Life Membership in the N.A.A.C.P. may be obtained by writing the Secretary of the Association at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

BEQUESTS

It is gratifying to note that from time to time persons interested in the aims of the N.A.A.C.P. make provision in their wills for certain funds to be devoted to carrying forward the work of the Association. During the year 1927 the following bequests were received:

Mrs. Bettie G. Francis, Washington, D. C	\$1,000.00
*George T. Morgan, Quincy, Ill	324.09
Mrs. Marie Simpson Reavis, Harrisburg, Pa	50.00
T. H. A. Moores, Ludington, Mich.	80.30

During the year the Association also received an unusual gift in the form of a \$1,000 bond of the Great Northern Power Company of which the donor, John W. Griggs of St. Paul, Minn., reserves the interest during his lifetime. At his death the bond and interest on it pass entirely into the possession of the N.A.A.C.P.

Mr. Chesterfield W. Stewart of Savannah, Georgia, turned over to the Association a savings bank account amounting to \$50.00 with interest of \$2.84, which he inherited, because he felt "it would do more good if applied to the Legal Defense Fund of the N.A.A.C.P."

^{*} In 1926 \$424.00 was received from Mr. Morgan's estate.