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The time has arrived for an earnest, concerted movement looking to the erection of a bronze statue of the greatest man North Carolina has produced. Shortly after his death a Vance Memorial Association was organized and steps taken to raise the necessary money, but for some cause the agitation was allowed to wane, and for some time past nothing has been done. The people are in better condition than for years, and there are at least ten thousand men who would gladly give a dollar if approached. The men have undertaken the work in a patriotic manner, but they will never succeed unless the women take hold and organize the movement.

Will not the press keep the plan before the people and will not the people unite to put in imperishable brass a statue of the man whose life all the youth can be taught to emulate?

We cordially endorse the following note from Mr. Battle and commend the action of Mrs. N. W. Ray, of Fayetteville, to the patriotic men and women of every county in the State. If every county had one woman who would do as much as Mrs. Ray, and one man who would do as much as Col. W. H. H. Cowles, of Wilkes, has done, the money could be easily raised within the next few months. Mr. Battle writes:

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 26.

*To the Editor of the News and Observer:*

I ask that you will publish the letter I hand you herewith. It is from a good lady, of the town of Fayetteville, who kindly undertook to raise some money for the proposed monument to our great and honored Vance.

The Treasurer of the fund, Mr. Joseph G. Brown, President of the Citizens' National Bank of Raleigh, has, as yet, only about \$600 in bank to its credit. The collections flagged last year for several reasons, principally because of the very hard times, and the fact that the Ladies' Memorial Association were pressing collections for the monument to our Confederate dead. The times are some better now, and the monument to our heroic dead has been erected and paid for. It is therefore time now that the friends of Vance—and nearly every good man and woman of the State, without regard to party, was his friend—were pressing for the erection of a suitable bronze statue of him in our Capitol Square.

I have obtained permission to publish Mrs. Ray's letter, which enclosed the check, as a reminder and an incentive to others, men and women, to do as she has done. Money sufficient to ensure the early erection of the statue ought to be collected this fall.

I hope other papers throughout the State will publish Mrs. Ray's letter.

Very respectfully,

R. H. BATTLE.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 17, 1895.

*R. H. Battle, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.*

DEAR SIR:—Inclosed I send check to your order for \$126, which the good citizens of Cumberland have subscribed on the list left with me for the purpose of raising funds to erect a monument in honor of the lamented Z. B. Vance.

Hoping that the State will enable your committee to secure a handsome one,

I am, very respectfully,

MRS. N. W. RAY.