Dear Comrade:

A letter sent out by the General Secretary of the Niagara Movement some weeks ago suggested among other matters an "attendance rally," before the annual meeting. The distance separating us residually in this state makes a getting together impracticable but it does not preclude my writing to you and your writing to each other, though of course time presses all of us.

It is needless to attempt to dilate on the helpfulness and the value of the inspiration and the information -- not to mention the brotherly fellowship -- which we may give and receive, and enjoy, at these annual gatherings.

The Niagara Movement is not merely an academical body. It is militant. Our fight is waged and to be waged against the outer enemy and the inner racial indifference and tendency to lethargy.

It is obvious that there is a concerted plan -- a conspiracy, not of silence but to silence our demand for full citizenship and to belittle and deride any aspiration for the larger liberty and higher outlook.

Though our number is small we have already made a powerful impression for good. The only way to know what has been done and what is doing is to attend the annual meetings. It is both impracticable and impolitic to send out reports of all the work.

While each of us, almost without exception, is financially poor, and it is probable that not one outside the very city of meeting can attend without a sacrifice, yet I hope our state will have a creditable representation.
The General Secretary requested that, I ask each member who has not done so to forward the annual dues to me. I hope I can carry up a "clean bill" in that respect.

Yours for the cause,

[Signature]

State Secretary for Virginia.