18. That, as a people, we will never be satisfied nor contented until we occupy a position where we are acknowledged a necessary constituent in the ruling element of the country in which we live.

19. That no oppressed people have ever obtained their rights by voluntary acts of generosity on the part of their oppressors.

20. That it is futile hope on our part to expect such results through the agency of moral goodness on the part of our white American oppressors.

21. That all great achievements by the Anglo-Saxon race have been accomplished through the agency of self-interest.

22. That the liberty of a people is always insecure who have not absolute control of their own political destiny.

23. That if we desire liberty, it can only be obtained at the price which others have paid for it.

24. That we are willing to pay that price, let the cost be what it may.

25. That according to the present social system of civilized society, the equality of persons is only recognised by their equality of attainments,—as with individuals, so is it with classes and communities;—therefore, we impress on the colored races throughout this Continent and the world, the necessity of having their children and themselves properly qualified in every respectable vocation pertaining to the Industrial and Wealth accumulating occupations; of arts, science, trades and professions; of agriculture, commerce and manufactures, so as to equal in position the leading characters and nations of the earth, without which we cannot, at best, but occupy a position of subserviency.

26. That the potency and respectability of a nation or people, depends entirely upon the position of their women; therefore, it is essential to our elevation that the female portion of our children be