

Women In Big Realty Deal.

**Metropolitan Women's Business Club at
New York Will Erect Hall For Busi-
ness Purposes—Miss Felton a
Fine Business Woman.**

The Metropolitan Women's Business Club of Greater New York is making rapid strides along business lines. Its membership is made up of some of the brainiest and most progressive Afro-American women of the race in New York city and vicinity. The need of a suitable hall for entertainments, meetings and public gatherings for social and business purposes has been discussed by secret and benevolent societies for many years, but no definite action has ever been taken by these organizations to supply the need. It is the object of the Metropolitan Women's Business club to interest a sufficient number of women in such a project to raise \$10,000 as a nucleus of a fund with which to build a hall in a central location thoroughly equipped with all modern improvements as a monument to the thrift and industry of colored women.

It has been pointed out that, whereas the colored people pay hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to white landlords, if they had a hall of their own this vast sum of money would be circulated among their own people and would greatly benefit the race by giving employment to deserving young men and women in various ways. The club has been eminently successful in its work and quite a large sum of money has been subscribed and paid into the treasury for the purpose already stated. It is a well known fact that if the various secret and benevolent organizations of Greater New York would withdraw a third of their money now on deposit in the banking



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institutions in New York and Brooklyn they could buy the ground and have built for cash a hall that would reflect credit upon themselves and the race generally.

One of the leading women in this new venture is Miss M. P. Felton, who is chairman of the executive board and widely known as a successful financier. In order to raise a certain sum of money needed in the work of the club at present Miss Felton is arranging a grand recital for May 3 to be held at Memorial hall of the Young Women's Christian association in Brooklyn. If the white people are interested enough in our people to let their property to us in order that we may help ourselves every man and woman of the race out of race pride should bestir himself and herself and rally to the standard set by these energetic women. Organization, concentration and unity will accomplish great things. Miss I. L. Moorman, president of the club, is also doing yeoman service for the accomplishment of the object of the club. Her business capacity may be readily seen by the successful manner in which she has managed the affairs of the Brooklyn branch of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty company for the past five years or more. Associated with the women on the above mentioned occasion will be the Rev. William A. Credit, D. D., of Philadelphia, who is a business preacher through and through and one who believes in the business ability of the race. Especially is he anxious that due encouragement be given to such a worthy movement as that of the Metropolitan Women's Business club.