

Amy Bailey's citation for National Library

MINISTER of State in the Office of the Prime Minister, Hon. Mike Henry, on November 18 paid tribute to the life and work of veteran social worker and educator, Miss Amy Bailey.

The Minister was speaking during a ceremony at Miss Bailey's Kensington Crescent home in Kingston 5, at which he received the citation for the Marcus Garvey Award for Excellence presented to Miss Bailey earlier this year. The citation will now be displayed in the National Library, East Street, Kingston.

Mr. Henry said that Miss Bailey's work for Jamaica as a whole and "for the equality of the racial structure of the country in particular," has been recognized in many ways.

Miss Bailey's gesture in offering her citation to the nation, "is one that exemplifies what she has stood for, and her sense of perspective for history," Mr. Henry declared.

Miss Bailey said she was donating the citation to the Institute of Jamaica, on behalf of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Bailey and her seven sisters and brother. Two sisters, Elsie, an ex-Senator and Ivy, now 97 years old, are also alive.

She explained that she was dedicating the citation to the memory of her parents, who had "taught us as children to be God-fearing, God-loving and the importance of service and integrity."

Miss Bailey said that their Kensington Crescent home will be donated for use as a home for the

elderly to be administered by Anglican diocese, in accordance with her parents' wish.

The award was presented to Miss Bailey by the Marcus Garvey Centenary Committee on January 25, for being "humanitarian, social worker, educator and agitator; a champion for women's rights, advocate for the Family Planning Association and stalwart for racial awareness."

Also present were Mrs. Beverley Hall-Alleyne, Executive Director of the Institute of Jamaica; Miss Stephney Ferguson, Director of the National Library and Miss Eppie Edwards, head of the library's information and bibliographical services.