

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown In Boston Fete

New Englanders Join In Praise of Educator

BOSTON, Mass. — Citizens of Boston and New England honored Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown with a testimonial dinner, Thursday evening, Feb. 27, at the Twelfth Baptist church. The occasion was to celebrate Dr. Brown's 40 years of service at the Palmer Memorial institute. The guests consisted of old school girl companions, who recalled the days when Dr. Brown struggled for an education; and the youth of Dr. Brown's era, who had been inspired by the dynamic personality of this New England bred woman.

A purse of \$325, lovely flowers, a scrapbook containing letters and telegrams of congratulation and a huge birthday cake with 40 red and white candles, were given Dr. Brown.

Dr. Brown responded to the many felicitations of her home town friends with a speech of thanks and gratitude. She recalled the days when she struggled hard to win the people of North Carolina and New England over to her idea of the school that she had dreamed of building. Dr. Brown gave her Negro friends of New England credit for the first \$5,000 that she raised for her school in Sedalia, N. C.

Presentations Made

The program was presided over by Rev. F. Havis Davis, pastor of Union Baptist church of Cambridge. The first group of speakers were contemporaries of Dr. Brown. Mrs. Isabella Brooks, Matthew Bullock, Mrs. Alexander Gilbert, Miss Susie F. Jones, Samuel McCoy, Mrs. Minnie T. Wright, and Mrs. Mabel Worthy. The second group of speakers gave impressions of the youth of Dr. Brown's era, Miss Helen Dane, Mrs. Olivia Solomons and Mrs. Marie Rudd Thomas. The third group gave impressions of Palmer Memorial—as pastor, Rev. William H. Hester; as teacher, Mrs. Lillian Triplett, Newport, R. I.; of the president, Miss Cecie Jenkins, Sedalia, N. C. Mrs. Mary E. Luck presented the honored guest, Dr. Brown.

Miss Gladys Holmes, chairman of the Gift committee, presented the gift of money, along with an original poem dedicated to Dr. Brown. Dr. Mary C. Wright, chairman of the Program committee, presented the flowers; Miss Wilhelmina Crosson, vice chairman of the committee, read the names of persons who had sent telegrams and presented the scrapbook. Music was furnished by Mrs. Ruby Agnew, Mrs. Vera Hodge Graves, and Mrs. Dorothy Richardson, who rendered vocal solos. Miss Gladys Gray rendered a violin solo.

The guests were given a surprise by the appearance of the Palmer Memorial quartette, who rendered two numbers.

The banquet hall was beautifully decorated in red and white, the colors of Palmer Memorial. Mrs. Mollie L. Bell was chairman of Decorating committee. A large banner of red graced the wall back of the speaker's table with the years 1901 to 1941 in white.

Dr. Brown wore a sheer black dinner gown trimmed in gold braid. A lovely orchid adorned the left shoulder of the honored guest.