

HOLD SECOND ANNUAL MEMORIAL FOR ROBERT S. ABBOTT



The second annual memorial for Robert S. Abbott, founder, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender was held at Metropolitan Community church, Sunday afternoon, March 1. The services were under the auspices of the Religious Work Committee of the Wabash

Y.M.C.A. Seated on the rostrum in the picture, reading from left to right: Rev. H. B. Hawkins, O. O. Morris, Rev. Joseph M. Evans, Rev. A. I. Carey, Jr., Edward M. Graham and W. Ellis Stewart. Editor Abbott died at his home February 29, 1940.—Jackson photo.

Editor Abbott Honored At Metropolitan

For the second year that has passed since the death of Robert Sengstacke Abbott, founder and publisher of the Chicago Defender, citizens gathered to pay tribute to him in the Metropolitan Community church on Sunday, March 1, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The memorial services this year as last year were under the auspices of the Religious Work committee of the Wabash avenue Y.M.C.A. and presided over by Edward M. Graham, chairman.

The address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Archibald J. Carey Jr., pastor of Woodlawn A.M.E. church. Testimonials were given by W. Ellis Stewart, chairman of the board of directors of the Wabash avenue Y.M.C.A., and Rev. Joseph M. Evans, pastor of the Metropolitan church. Rev. H. B. Hawkins, president of the Baptist Ministers' conference, gave the invocation.

Appropriately, the Robert S. Abbott choristers made their first public appearance at the memorial to the pioneer to whom their music was dedicated. The choristers are directed by Mrs. Mabel Sanford Lewis-Proctor.

The celebrated Metropolitan choir under the direction of J. Wesley Jones, also sang for the occasion.

Robert S. Abbott died at his home on February 29, 1940. He had been born in Fredrika on St. Simon's Island, Ga., in 1870. It has been said of him that he did for his race in the field of journalism what Booker T. Washington accomplished in the field of education.