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## WOMEN HONOR EDITOR AT TESTIMONIAL



Partial view of the spacious banquet room of the Woman's City club, 72 East Eleventh street, where hundreds of citizens of all races attended the testimonial given in honor of Robert S. Abbott, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender by Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women's clubs last Fri-

day night. (Inset) View of the speakers' table at the moment Editor Abbott received gifts from his staff and other friends. Presentation was made by Miss Agathe Westbrook (standing), secretary to the editor. At left of Mr. Abbott is Gov. Henry Horner of Illinois, a close friend of the publisher.



## Robert S. Abbott Is Honored By Women; Gov. Horner Speaks

More than three hundred people, including Governor Horner of Illinois, notables from local universities, and state dignitaries gathered at the Chicago Woman's club to honor Robert Sengstacke Abbott, editor and founder of the Chicago Defender, to whom a testimonial banquet was tendered by the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women, last Friday.

Following the presentation of a scroll, bearing the signatures of a countless number of admirers, friends, and members of the Association of Colored Women, Editor Abbott, in a clear and impressive manner, recited the history of the development of his institution.

And, as he proceeded with the difficult and dramatic stages of his career, he was interrupted again and again by loud and prolonged applause. His audience was visibly moved as he testified to the ac-

complishments that have been made through his newspaper.

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He said: "I have no regrets; no tears to shed for the labor and sacrifice entailed in the development of my institution; it is yours also; and I know that you are proud of it, as well as I."

Then, in a voice that trembled with emotion, and deep earnestness, he stated: "It is quite a pleasant revelation to me, and to those who may follow me, to know that whoever champions the cause of suffering humanity carves for himself an abiding place in the hearts of those whom he seeks to serve."

He also thrilled his hearers when he said, towards the close of his address: "If, in the years I have served mankind, my labor can be measured in terms of good, in terms of social welfare, in terms of cultural up-lifting, in terms of interracial good-will—then I have served

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# GUESTS AT TESTIMONIAL BANQUET FOR EDITOR



At the testimonial dinner tendered Editor Robert S. Abbott last Friday were a number of distinguished guests. Seated at the

speakers table were from left to right: Mrs. Nannie Mae Millian, Mrs. Fannie Carter, Mrs. Fannie Baxter, Commissioner Wendell E. Green, Prof. Ernest Burgess, head

of department of sociology at University of Chicago; Mrs. Robert S. Abbott, Editor Robert S. Abbott, Governor Henry Horner of Illinois, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines,

president of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women and George O. Fairweather, business manager of the University of Chicago.

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you well, and I trust that I will not suffer the fate of 'great men, who, like great institutions, after having rendered their services to humanity and civilization, are deposited at the foot of their work as worn out tools.'"

Governor Horner, who spoke at length on the brilliant career of Mr. Abbott as a journalist and as a publisher, pointed out to the black and white audience the inestimable value of the services that have been rendered to the people of the nation by Mr. Abbott through the columns of the Chicago Defender.

Other speakers included Prof. Ernest Burgess, head of the department of sociology at the University of Chicago; Attorney Edward H. Morris, George O. Fairweather, business manager of the University of Chicago; Commissioner Wendell

E. Green of the civil service, and a host of others who occupied seats at the speakers table.

Preceding the program, Mrs. Robert S. Abbott was presented with a beautiful corsage by Miss Frances White on behalf of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women.

The entire program was faultlessly directed by the capable toastmistress, Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, president of the Chicago and Northern District Association of Colored Women.

The spacious banquet hall of the Chicago Woman's club was filled to its capacity. More than two hundred telegrams and letters from all sections of the country were received. Among those who sent messages were: Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard university; Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago; States Attorney Thomas J. Courtney, Judge John J. Lupe, Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee; Dewey R. Jones, of the department

of Interior, Washington; President G. F. Lane of Lane college, Jackson, Tenn.; President William Stewart Nelson of Dillard university; Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Moton;

President Arthur Howe of Hampton Institute; Dr. J. Alvin Russell, president of St. Paul's college; President William J. Clark of Virginia Union university; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, National Council of Negro Women; President W. L. Wright, Lincoln university, Lincoln, Pa.; President B. G. Gallagher of Talladega college; President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C.; President Rufus E. Clement of Atlanta university; George Garner of Pasadena, Calif.; J. C. Napier, Nashville, Tenn.; President Robert M. Hutchins, University of Chicago;

Dr. Bowman, Johns Hopkins university; President Conant of Harvard university; President Seymour of Yale university; Charles Hubert of Morehouse college; Henry Adams Boyd, National Baptist Publishing Board; Rabbi L. L. Mann of the Chicago Sinai congregation; Presi-

dent Ruthven, University of Michigan; President D. O. W. Holmes, Morgan college; Dr. William H. Marshall, Beloit, Wis.; Major R. R. Wright, president, Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust company, Philadelphia; C. R. Walgreen, of Walgreen company drug stores; Dr. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota; and Wendell Phillips Dabney, editor of The Union, Cincinnati, Ohio.