



Jim Bill McInteer delights the dinner guests as Toastmaster and makes his invaluable contribution to the success of the occasion.

## MCC Honors Marshall Keeble With Testimonial Dinner



Although he has been honored in other ways, it is believed that this was the first Marshall Keeble Testimonial Dinner. He responds, above, to the many testimonies given in evidence of his great and fruitful life.

On April 12, 1968, a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Marshall Keeble was held on the campus of Michigan Christian College. The delightful experience was the result of six months' planning, selection and rejection of dates, and considerable correspondence with those involved.

Jim Bill McInteer, as Toastmaster, did his usual fine work in making the evening a memorable occasion. His contributions in various ways to the Keeble-Palmer Missionary Training Program have been invaluable. His assistance, therefore, in helping the college give honor to Marshall Keeble greatly enhanced the entire program.

Three hundred friends and admirers of this great preacher enjoyed the good food and fellowship and, out of respect and appreciation for his life's work, gave over nineteen hundred dollars to the Keeble-Palmer Missionary Training Program.

The administration, faculty, staff, and student body of MCC are grateful in the belief that the providence of God prevented any further postponement of this memorable occasion.

### Marshall Keeble

(1878 - 1968)

Out of deep gratitude for Marshall Keeble, gospel preacher extraordinary, and to a brotherhood that loved him, Michigan Christian College dedicates these pages.

Life, to Marshall Keeble, was at once his most plentiful and most valuable earthly possession. He gave of it freely to the good of mankind regardless of race or station in life.

He fought for the rights and dignity of man but his weapon of warfare was the Sword of the Spirit. His mantle was humility. Simplicity marked his speech as he shared the unsearchable riches of Christ with a good portion of the world. Faith in Jesus and love for the souls of everyone directed his footsteps.

# MCC STUDENTS DECORATED FOR KEEBLE BANQUET

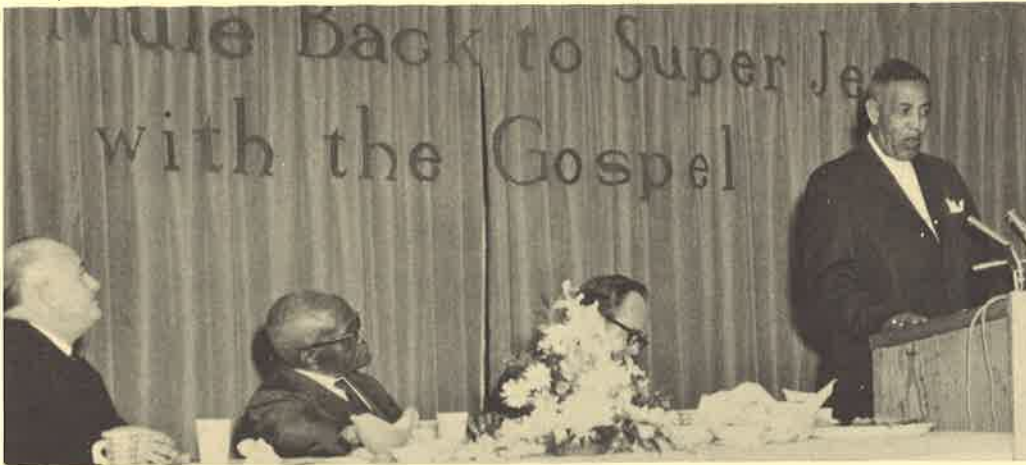


Student representatives of the MCC Missions Study Group and the Student Council decorated the banquet hall in appropriate simplicity and good taste.

The art work on either side of the head table suggests (left) the great span of Marshall Keeble's Christian service and

(right) his nondiscrimination in preaching to all races of people.

Dan Woodroof, Chairman of the Keeble Dinner Committee, introduces the program of the evening. (L. to R.) MCC President Lucien Palmer, Marshall Keeble, Jim Bill McInteer, MCC Board Member O. A. Johnson, and MCC Vice President Milton Fletcher.



## Old Friends Gave Testimony To A Life Well Spent

O. A. Johnson (standing, left), has known Marshall Keeble all of his life. He recalled many instances during their long association wherein Keeble made deep impressions upon him for good.

Brother Johnson has served on the Board of Directors of the college since its beginning and has played a major part in forming its policies and determining its direction.

## MCC Chorus Sang The Gospel Keeble Loved

Brother Keeble was especially impressed and grateful for the fine performance of the MCC A Cappella Chorus.

The talented group sang "Holy Radiant Light", "Cum Ba Yah", "I Know the Lord Will Find A Way for Me" and two Negro Spirituals "John Saw the Numbuh" and "There Is A Balm In Gilead."

He was quite critical of the program committee for limiting the chorus to 20 minutes!



## The Last Week Of His Life

by Dan Woodroof

## MARSHALL KEEBLE - A SYNONYM FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

During the last week of his life on earth, Marshall Keeble joyfully did what he had done for most of his eighty nine years of living. He powerfully preached the gospel of Christ. More than once during these last days he expressed the desire to live only to be used in God's service.

Since attendance at his Testimonial Dinner was necessarily limited due to lack of space, the college scheduled two other appearances in the Detroit area

so the hundreds of people who knew and loved him could hear him once again. Therefore, on Saturday night, April 13 a full house at the Highland church in Detroit listened intently as he spoke powerfully of the world's need for Christ. He preached again on Sunday afternoon, April 14, to a packed auditorium at the Taylor, Michigan church.

In between these two scheduled engagements, he spoke Sunday morning at the Inkster, Michigan church and

rounded out that April 14th by preaching for the church in Ypsilanti.

Engagements at the Belmont church in Dayton and at the Clifton congregation in Cincinnati took him into Ohio on Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16 in company with MCC Vice President Milton Fletcher and the writer. He thrilled capacity crowds there with his simple but moving presentation of the gospel of Jesus.

Marshall Keeble never lost his intense



MCC President Lucien Palmer, who sustained a rather unique relationship with Marshall Keeble through the years, recalls many of their experiences together. In addition to serving together at Nashville Christian Institute, the two evangelists and educators made a trip to the Holy Land in 1960 and then

around the world in 1962. In his characteristic style, brother Keeble expresses the gratitude of his heart for the occasion and praises MCC for her continued efforts to train missionaries. He appealed for financial support of the Keeble-Palmer Missionary Training Fund.



Marshall Keeble and Lucien Palmer are shown (above) in action in Nigeria contributing to the training of Nigerian men to preach the gospel of Christ. For years they have been "one in hope, service and inspiration".

## Keeble's Missionary Spirit Will Live Through Missionary Training

It was Lucien Palmer's desire to perpetuate the name of Marshall Keeble by renaming the MCC Missionary Training Fund. Because of the unique relationship, however, between these two missionaries, the Board of Directors resolved on June 3, 1967, that the Marshall Keeble-Lucien Palmer Fund be established. Many, prior to brother Keeble's death, have already given. Will you, too, now send a contribution to further the kind of work to which Marshall Keeble gave his life — the training of the young to preach Christ to the world?

Send your gift to the Keeble-Palmer Missionary Training Fund, Michigan Christian College, Rochester, Michigan 48063.



Milton Fletcher, MCC Vice President, relates some of the history of the MCC Missionary Training Program to Testimonial Dinner guests. He also accompanied Marshall Keeble to his final appointments in Dayton and Cincinnati.

### THE LAST WEEK (Continued)

interest in people and in the things going on around him. For the three days he spent in the Detroit area he stayed in the home of Homer Black, one of "his boys", and discussed the church, the world situation and argued politics! The writer spent three unforgettable days as Keeble's "white valet" from Detroit to Dayton, to Cincinnati, and then on to Nashville. We discussed the war in Vietnam, talked baseball and even watched the Cubs and the Red Legs on our hotel television. He deplored the riotous situation in our cities and freely doled

out portions of his wonderful philosophy of life which is unmistakably Christian.

Brother Keeble grew old gracefully with Christ in his heart. He never lost his balance and value perspectives. He was continually thankful, never complaining. He kept his quaint good humor to the end and had his companions of these last days "in stitches" a good bit of the time. His gratitude for Christian friends such as David Lipscomb, T. B. Larimore, F. B. Shrygley and others of the pioneers was frequently expressed. His love for Lucien Palmer who took him to the Holy Land in 1960 and then

around the world in 1962 (when he was 84) was evident. To these and others he attributed whatever success he has been able to achieve.

So on Wednesday, April 17, 1968 Marshall Keeble came home to Nashville for the last time from a series of preaching appointments. Thousands had heard him and had been blessed by what he had said and by his very presence among them. He had returned from doing what he, many years before, had set his heart to do. May the Lord be praised that Marshall Keeble made his decision to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus!

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*A portion of the crowd of 300 who came to honor Marshall Keeble are shown above. Many hundreds of others crowded into two subsequent special services in Detroit on Saturday night and Sun-*

*day afternoon to hear, for their last time, this great preacher proclaim the gospel of Christ.*

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