

CHARLES AKIN EMBRY.

Charles Akin Embry was born in Maury County August 17, 1901, the son of Wiley B. and Alma Williamson Embry. The family moved to Davidson County, when Charlie was three years of age. He was reared in East Nashville and graduated from the Davidson County Central High School in the first class to finish at that institution. In 1924 he received his LLB degree from the Law School of Vanderbilt University. Very soon thereafter he was married to the former Hermoine Dunlap of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and began the practice of his profession in the courts of Davidson County. With the exception of a period of time during which he was confined to the hospital, he continued as an active practitioner before the courts of this and surrounding counties until the time of his death, October 10, 1947.

Affectionately known as "Slim" he moved quietly through this community and came to possess an extremely wide acquaintance. He enjoyed his friendships and associations and accepted no social distinctions as he made and kept them. The little and the big,- the rich and the poor,- the prominent and the known,- they were all the same to his big warm heart, which was ever ready to befriend them. "Slim" was generous to a fault. He acknowledged no value to a thing that he could not share with those around him. He maintained that there was some remaining good in every man who lived, and he was always willing to sacrifice his time and attention to give anyone a last chance at redemption.

In his profession he could have been a rich man, but he probably represented as many people without charge as he collected from. "Slim" could never for a moment resist the tears of a wife or mother, or the appeals for help from one who was in trouble. His tenderness of heart and the charity and compassion which were natural to him, all flowed into a personality which was day after day reflected in the big, broad smile, and generous good nature, the warm handclasp which was -- "Slim". Men loved him.

As a lawyer it was not necessary for him to read the ethics of his profession -- they were a part of his character as a man. As a preeminently successful trial lawyer, he had learned early that lawsuits are won by hard work and preparation. As he stood before a jury, he knew the facts of the case. As he loved people, he knew them also. His known integrity, his clean simplicity, his earnestness, his candor, his ability and personality, all came together to make him a strong adversary before any jury. His even temper, his quietness of approach, would graduate into a vigorous and courageous stand once he observed the persecution was too relentless in condemning, or too eager and swift to punish those who had erred and gone astray. He had the respect of his associates of the Bar and confidence of every court before whom he practiced his profession.

It was but natural for "Slim" to be the member of the Nashville Bar to whom many young lawyers went for advice and help. He attracted them. He never hesitated to lay aside his work to help them. He made them comfortable, they did not feel embarrassed to ask his assistance, and they never forgot him.

The poor and the destitute always found the door of his office open, and they went to "Mr. Charlie" confident that he would understand them. As he walked down the street you could feel their appreciation of their obligation to him in the way they hailed him.

"Slim's" death broke the hearts of literally thousands in the community in which he lived. He was survived by his wife and two children, Charles Akin Embry, Jr. and Miss Hermoine Carolyn Embry.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nashville Bar Association here assembled, that we acknowledge with grateful appreciation the service of Charles Akin Embry to this community; that we feel a keen sense of loss to our profession in his death; that we are thankful to the Supreme Judge of all Courts for his life and influence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Nashville Bar Association and that a copy of same be transmitted to the family as an added expression of our deepest sympathy.

This 26th day of March 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Jack Norman,
Byrd Douglas
John J. Hooker.

JOHN BELL KEEBLE, JR.

JOHN BELL KEEBLE, Jr., a member of this Association, died on October 14, 1947. He was born in Nashville on January 24, 1900, and was in his forty-eighth year at the time of his death. He was the son of the late John Bell Keeble, Sr., who for many years was a distinguished member of this Bar and Dean of the Vanderbilt Law School. His mother was Miss Emmie Frazer, of Union Springs, Alabama. He married Miss Margaret Simmons of Nashville, Tennessee, in 1928, and leaves surviving him his widow, Mrs. Margaret Simmons Keeble; his two children, John Bell Keeble, III, and Catherine Keeble; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Ewing and Miss Emmie Keeble; and two brothers, Edwin A. Keeble and David M. Keeble, all of whom reside in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Keeble received his early education in the public schools of Nashville and attended and was graduated from Wallace University School and then became a student at Vanderbilt University, from which institution he received his B. A. degree in 1921. While a student at Vanderbilt he enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps during World War I and was receiving military training when the Armistice was signed. During his college years Mr. Keeble was also an outstanding tennis player, in which sport he won a number of championship matches. After graduating from Vanderbilt, he studied law at Yale University, receiving the degree of LL.B. from that school in 1924.

Mr. Keeble then became associated in the general practice of law in Nashville with the well known and long established firm of Keeble & Seay, of which his father was a member. A few years later he was admitted to membership in that firm, which continued under the name of Keeble, Seay, Stockell & Keeble. In 1932 John Bell Keeble, Jr. and his brother, the late Sydney F. Keeble, formed their own partnership and engaged in the general practice of law under the name of Keeble & Keeble, into which firm another brother, David M. Keeble, was admitted on January 1, 1933. Some two years later Sydney F. Keeble became counsel for the Life and Casualty Insurance Company, retaining his connection with Keeble & Keeble, and this firm continued until 1944, at which time Dan E. McGugin, Jr. became associated with the firm and its name was changed to Keeble, Keeble & McGugin, and such was the name of the firm at the time of Mr. Keeble's death.

Mr. Keeble was a member of the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Post No. 5, American Legion, the Elks Club, the Belle Meade Country Club, the Nashville, Tennessee, and American Bar Associations. He was also a member of the