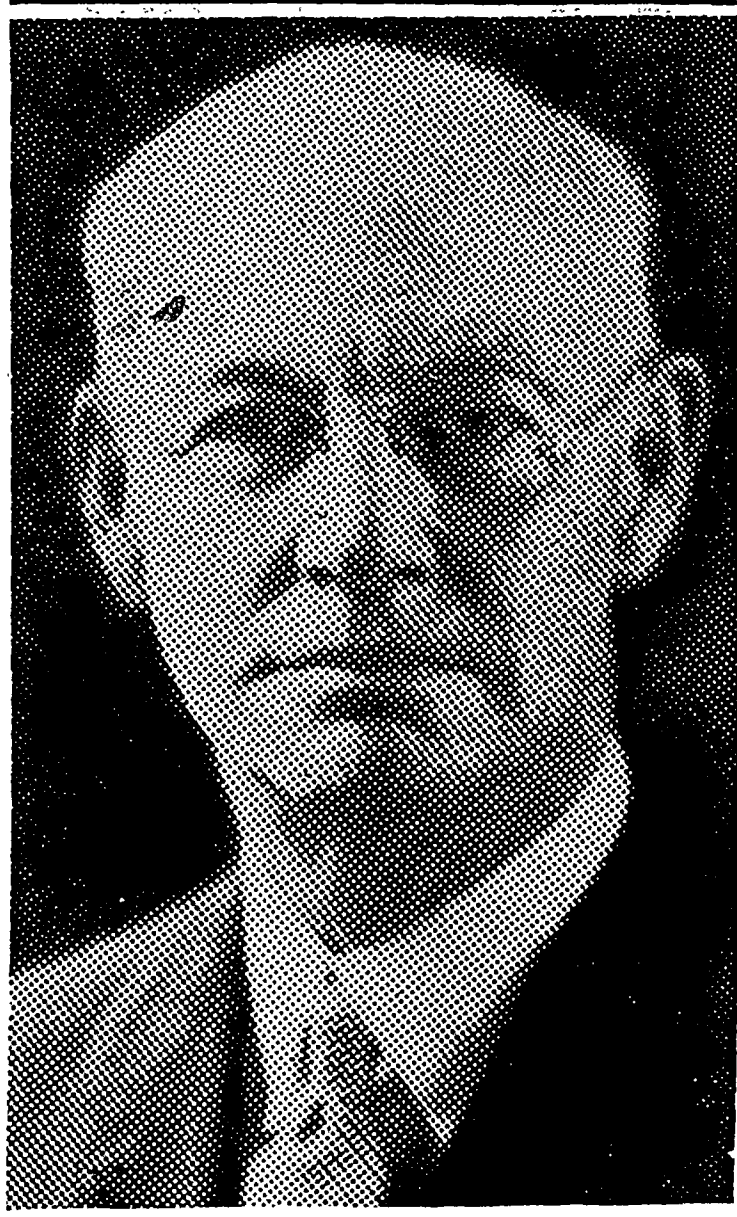


Dr. Behan Resigns His Position For Sioux Falls Post

Dr. W. P. Behan, a member of the Ottawa University staff since 1922, has resigned his position in order to accept the headship of the department of Christianity at the Sioux Falls Baptist College in South Dakota. The resignation is effective February 1. This coming spring and summer Dr. Behan will do promotion work for the college, not assuming his teaching duties until the opening of the next fall session. In addition to his class work Dr. Behan will be director of Christian activities.



Dr. Behan was acting-president of the university in the period between Dr. Erdmann Smith, who resigned in the spring of 1931, and Dr. Martin, who came to the school in the fall of 1935. He first came to Ottawa as head of the department of Christianity on Feb. 1, 1922. His association with the university has been of exactly 15 years' duration. In 1925 Dr. Behan became dean of the school which position he held throughout his acting-presidency. Dr. Behan has served as dean of men during the current year.

Before coming to Ottawa Dr. Behan was associated with the American Baptist Publication Society for three years. He had previously served as president of the Baptist Missionary Training School at Chicago for five years.

During his 15 years in Ottawa Dr. Behan has been associated with several organizations of the state. For a time he served as president of the Kansas Council of Religious Education and since 1922 has been secretary of the Kansas Council of Church Colleges. He has been a member of the state Educators Club and the Kansas Teachers association, and has been a prominent speaker throughout the middle west, appearing before many denominational and educational groups.

In Ottawa Dr. Behan has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary club.

Probably no one in recent years has enjoyed such a wide popularity in Ottawa University as has Dr. Behan. It may be truthfully said that Dr. Behan during his stay at Ottawa made a personal friend of every student. Throughout the years he has held the respect, the love and the admiration of all students and all alumni with whom he came in contact. Naturally, we alumni feel sorry to see Dr. Behan leave our Alma Mater. As for that, so does the entire town and school. President Andrew B. Martin has very ably expressed our feeling in the matter:

"Dr. Behan has endeared himself to thousands of Ottawa students, alumni, and townspeople during the 15 years he has so faithfully served this institution. His qualities as a Christian gentleman and educational leader are

outstanding. His contribution to Christian education has been widely recognized not only in Kansas but throughout the territory of the Northern Baptist convention. His going will be a distinct loss to Ottawa, but we will follow him in his new field of service with our best wishes for his success."

Dr. Behan's letter of resignation:

"I herewith present to you my resignation as professor of Christianity and Dean of Men in Ottawa University to become effective February 1, 1937.

"Though after February 1, I shall be associated with a sister institution in another state, yet I shall always be grateful for the associations of Ottawa University and for having had some part in bringing it through the critical days of its recent adversity.

"Its trials and difficulties, its joys and triumphs through fifteen years have been mine also and the fellowships which it has created have greatly enriched my life; chief of which has been the conscious continuing fellowship of Him whose purpose of a divine mission for Ottawa University I have never doubted and without whose needed strength and grace and wisdom nothing could have been accomplished.

"It will be my sincere and earnest prayer that in all the days ahead God will so continue to guide and inspire you and you will so continue to follow His guidance and respond to His challenge that into a 'better and bigger' Ottawa University increasing numbers of youth may go and from Ottawa University an increasing stream of prepared, Christ-centered youth may flow 'to heal earth's sin and woe'."

In all probability no successor to Dr. Behan will be named until the fall session opens.