

Dr. W. P. Behan Passes On

Dr. Warren Palmer Behan, familiar figure on the campus from 1922 to 1936, died at the home of son Roger in Kalamazoo, Michigan, December 9.

Dr. Behan came to the university as dean and professor of religion and philosophy. From 1931 to 1935 he was acting president. After leaving Ottawa he became president of Sioux Falls College for a few years. In more recent years he held pastorates, the last being at Walled Lake, Michigan.

Burial services were held in Kalamazoo, December 12. Mrs. Behan and sons Roger, Fred, and Gerald survive him.

Of Dr. Behan, President Martin said, "Dr. Behan was a Christian gentleman and an unusually effective teacher. He was a kindly

man, beloved by the faculty and the friend of every student. As a scholar, teacher, and dean, he exemplified at Ottawa the finest tradition of liberal arts education and Christian teaching. He believed strongly in the necessity for the Christian college and the work it was designed to do in modern society. When controversy arose, or there was danger from any quarter threatening the denominational college, he was always to be found on the front line of defense.

"He was called up to lead the institution as acting president during four of the most difficult depression years. He gave himself unselfishly and conscientiously to this task and kept the work of the college going against almost impossible odds.

"Ottawa owes much to this splendid Christian gentleman, teacher, educator, administrator, and friend. It is out of the devotion and service of personalities

like his that the enduring structure
of a great institution is built.
There is no other way.”