

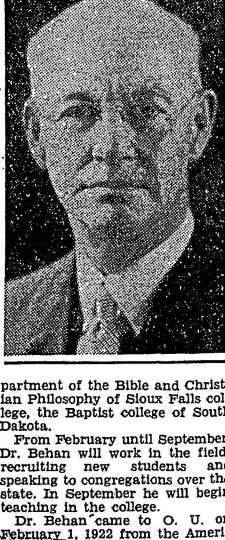
# DR. W. P. BEHAN RESIGNS DUTIES

WILL JOIN THE FACULTY OF  
SIOUX FALLS COLLEGE

HERE FOR 15 YEARS

No Successor Has Been Chosen for  
Dr. Behan or for Dr. Speer  
Who Resigned On  
January 1

Dr. Warren P. Behan, for 15 years educator in Ottawa university, has resigned his duties here and will leave January 23 for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he will become head of the De-



partment of the Bible and Christian Philosophy of Sioux Falls college, the Baptist college of South Dakota.

From February until September, Dr. Behan will work in the field, recruiting new students and speaking to congregations over the state. In September he will begin teaching in the college.

Dr. Behan came to O. U. on February 1, 1922 from the American Baptist Publication Society to assume the head of the department of Christianity. In 1925 he became dean of the school, a position he held throughout his acting presidency. Dr. Behan became acting president of the college after Dr. Erdmann Smith resigned in the spring of 1931 and remained in that position until Dr. A. B. Martin assumed the presidency in the fall of 1935. Last year and up to the time of his resignation Dr. Behan served as Dean of Men.

During his 15 years here Dr. Behan has been associated with many organizations in the state. He served as president of the Kansas Council of Religious Education for a time and has been secretary of the Kansas Council of Church Colleges since 1922. He has been a member of the state Educators Club and the Kansas Teachers association. He has been a prominent speaker throughout the middle west. In Ottawa Dr. Behan has been a member of the Rotary club and the Chamber of Commerce.

The news of Dr. Behan's departure was received sadly by all students and every one connected with O. U. Dr. Martin speaks for all of us in his message:

"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 an 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

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into a 'bigger and better' Ottawa University increasing numbers of youth may go and from Ottawa University and increasing stream of prepared, Christ-centered youth may flow 'to heal earth's sin and woe.'"

After his impressive farewell message to the student body in chapel Tuesday, January 19, Dr. Behan was presented a gift from the students of Ottawa university. The presentation was made by

**Paul Whitaker, president of the student council.**

"This is not to be a sob service," began Dr. Behan, "either on my part or yours."

Dr. Behan left with the school three "candles" or messages in the form of scriptures. They were "Be kind, one to another," "Be of good cheer," and "Be strong unto the Lord." After elaborating on these three, he continued with one further, "Be thou faithful unto death."

The gift presented to Dr. Behan was a military set in a brown leather kit, to match the traveling bag presented to him last year when he resigned his position as acting president of O. U.

The college with which Dr. Behan will soon be associated has a regular session enrollment approximately the same as Ottawa University. The entire enrollment, which includes summer school and a night school, held in the town, totals 530. The college is a mem-

ber of the North Central Association and excels in the School of Music and School of Art.

A successor to Dr. Behan has not yet been decided upon. For the remainder of the school year Rev. J. D. Woods will take over two of Dr. Behan's classes and the remaining classes will be taught by other professors of the University, or will be dropped.

A successor to Dr. Rollo C. Speer, whose resignation as vice president became effective January 1, has not been chosen. Dr. Speer is now pastor of the Baptist church in Pocatello, Idaho, where his family will join him about June 1.

