

# Dr. Andrew B. Martin Elected

Dr. Andrew B. Martin of Waukesha, Wis., on November 5 will become the thirteenth president of Ottawa University taking the place of Dr. W. P. Behan who for four years has held the post of acting-president. Dr. Behan will now, at his own desire, return to the office of dean and head of the department of Christianity.

Dr. Martin is 38 years old and for the past several years has been active as a Baptist pastor. He comes to Ottawa from the pulpit of the Baptist church in Waukesha. The board of trustees took considerable time in investigating his abilities before voting unanimously and enthusiastically to name him president. Dr. Martin after being elected took no little time in considering all phases of the University work before accepting.

With the coming of Dr. Martin a new era for O. U. is being forecast. The board of trustees has

pledged itself to see that enough money is raised to pay present salaries in full and to give enough funds for expansion.

It is definitely known that Dr. Martin intends to put into effect a comprehensive and progressive program which will make O. U. a thoroughly Christian educational institution of the highest order. He hopes to make it a school of culture appealing and helpful to all students. Furthermore he believes that it must be a contemporary University using up-to-date methods in teaching all liberal arts courses.

The definite policies concerning the course the school will follow in the next few years, of course, have not yet been fully determined. Dr. Martin will probably spend most of his time at first analyzing the situation and planning the program of development.

The training of the new president points him for leadership in an institution such as Ottawa. Born in Ireland he received his elementary and secondary education in that country. The latter was taken at Bainbridge Academi-cal Institution from which he graduated in 1914 with honors.

His undergraduate work was taken in Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y. He took an A. B. degree from there in 1925, and then attended the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago to obtain a B. D. degree in 1927.

The part of his training which has particularly fitted him for his new position has been his graduate study in the field of education and college administration in the graduate school of Marquette University. He obtained his masters degree in 1929, his thesis being on "The Family as the Agency of Character Education." His doctors work was recently completed with a dissertation on "Personality and Value in Relation to Education."

The new president is married

and has two sons. He is about 5 feet, 10 inches tall and is dark complexioned. He has a fine personality, pleasantly expressed. You may read wisdom and determination in the fine features of his face. Mrs. Martin has not yet visited in Ottawa but according to information received at the University she is a very charming woman.

Dr. Martin has made three visits to Ottawa; the first and second were for the purpose of conferring with the board of trustees; and the third was made to attend the Kansas Baptist convention which was held in Ottawa October 15 to 17. Naturally he has met quite a large number of Ottawans. Since that time the writer has had ample opportunity to obtain resulting impressions.

After Dr. Martin addressed the state convention outlining some of his beliefs about education before an overflow audience, the opinions expressed were enthusiastic approval of the new president. He undoubtedly sold himself to those present.

While attending the convention Dr. Martin one noon spoke to the Ottawa Rotary club, making a very favorable impression upon the group of business men in that organization. Downtown impressions were thus given a favorable start.

Dr. Martin in his conferences with the board members made excellent impressions and was elected by a unanimous and enthusiastic vote by the members which was probably the most accurate check on the man; for the board, through a committee composed of Fred Martin, Arthur Willis, C. Q. Chandler, Dr. J. T. Crawford and Dr. W. A. Elliott, had conducted an investigation lasting several months.

Dr. W. A. Elliott in commenting about the new man said, "As chairman of the committee on securing a president for Ottawa

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF O. U.

I. S. Kalloch, D. D.,	1866-68
P. J. Williams, D. D.,	1877-81
J. M. Stewart, M. A.,	1881-83
M. L. Ward, M. A., D. D.,	1883-87
George Sutherland, M. A.,	1887-90
Franklin Johnson, D. D.,	1890-92
F. W. Colegrove, A. M.,	1892-96
J. D. S. Riggs, Ph. D.,	
L. H. D.,	1896-05
R. A. Schwegler, M. A.,	1905-06 (Acting)
S. E. Price, D. D., LL. D.,	1906-24
Erdmann Smith, M. A.,	
D. D.,	1924-31
Warren P. Behan, D. B.,	
Ph. D.	1931-35

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University I am particularly gratified in the acceptance of Dr. Martin of the position. The committee believes Dr. Martin is well qualified to lead the institution. He has the clearest ideas of what a Christian college ought to be, is desirous of making Ottawa University that kind of a school, and has the happy faculty of winning men to his support. He is at home in the field of religious education as well as in the field of general education; has taken college administration in one of the best universities. Our committee believes that under his leadership a new day will come to the school."

Other members of the board said nice things: Bert Anderson: "In the past few years we have made an effort to get our feet on the ground. I think we are ready to push the school forward and I feel we have found in Dr. Martin the right man to lead us in building a greater University."

Clarence W. Hegberg: "I think the coming of Dr. Martin is the best thing that could happen to the University at the present time."

B. F. Bowers: "In my estimation the securing of Dr. Martin is the greatest step forward we have made in 25 years."

M. H. Forester: "I am very happy over the appointment. I believe it is the beginning of a new era for Ottawa University."

Dr. Behan at his own request has returned to the deanship of the university. It was in this capacity that he first gained the friendship of all the students and became one of the best loved figures in the history of the school and it will be in this capacity that he will continue to be the inspiring leader that he has been in the past.

The board, students, faculty, and friends have expressed their sincere admiration of Dr. Behan's splendid service as acting-presi-

dent during one of the most trying periods through which the University has ever gone.

Indeed a new day should be dawning for the old Alma Mater with Dr. Behan remaining to give of his splendid personality to the students and with Dr. Martin coming to lead the University ad-

ministration in actually attaining a greater Ottawa. All of O. U. is agreeing that the new day is here; a united group of alumni and friends are working together with the administration to accomplish the objectives that will lead to the concrete realization of the new order.

## WHAT DR. BEHAN THINKS

It is a cause of real rejoicing that Ottawa University is once more to have a president after an interim of four and one-half years. We have too long lacked definitely located and responsible financial leadership on the campus and in the field. Dr. Martin has made a favorable impression upon the trustees and faculty members whom he has met and we are glad to assure him our heartiest cooperation as he undertakes the hard task of developing our financial resources which will make possible the educational program and efficiency we have long wished to see realized.

## WHAT THE ASSOCIATION HEAD THINKS

Through this issue of Tauy Talk our new President is being introduced to O. U. alumni. From all reports and according to the unanimous opinion of all who have met him Dr. Martin is the right man. He is a man of dignity and poise, but one whose force of character stands out in such a way that he is easily recognized as an individual of leadership and action. He believes thoroughly in the Christian college and his program for its conduct is based upon the highest ideals.

A new administration is beginning, directed by one who is thoroughly familiar with the responsibility he is assuming.

As alumni we pledge to Dr. Martin our unqualified cooperation. His courage to meet the tasks presented and faith in future achievements are worthy of every assistance we can provide.

Ottawa University is entering upon a new era, and her success will be determined in no small degree by the support of her alumni. The responsibility that is ours must be met with the same faith and courage that are shown by the fine Christian gentleman who is our new president.

MARION HUME,  
President O. U. Alumni Association.