

Inauguration and Homecoming At Otterbein College



Dr. Daniel Harris



Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown

DR. J. GORDON HOWARD was inaugurated as fifteenth president of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, Saturday, November 3, at 10:00 a. m. in the First United Brethren church. The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, president of Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

November 3 was also Homecoming Day at Otterbein and hundreds of alumni, ex-students and friends of the college were on the campus for the joint celebration. A football game with Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, was the highlight of the afternoon program with Otterbein winning 14 to 6. The Homecoming Queen, Miss Juanita Gardis, Akron, Ohio, was crowned at 8:45 in the morning and presided over the game. Her attendants were Misses Jane Stevenson, Lagrange, Illinois; Alice Mae Guest, Canton, Ohio; and Cuba Doll, Kenton, Ohio.

The academic procession for the inaugural service started at 9:45 from in front of the Administration building. More than 100 representatives of colleges and universities along with the Otterbein faculty, administrative officers and board of trustees marched to the college church.

Bishop A. R. Clippinger of the Central area of the United Brethren church, presided at the service, Mr. Homer B. Kline, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, chairman of the college board of trustees, formally inducted Doctor Howard as president of Otterbein.

The college choir, directed by A. R. Spessard, with Miss Francis Harris as organist, sang "Great and Glorious," by Haydn. The processional and recessional music was played by Prof. G. G. Grabill, head of the Otterbein department of music. Following the new president's address, Dr. Daniel Harris of the class of 1923, now professor of voice at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music sang "The Pilgrim Song" by Tschaiakowsky.

Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, guest speaker, used as his subject, "Cherishing and Creating the Christian and

Democratic Traditions in a Living World Society." Doctor Brown chose his subject from one of the early ideals of Otterbein, an ideal she is striving to realize.

The invocation and benediction were given by two presidents of Otterbein, Dr. W. G. Clippinger, president from 1909 to 1939, and Dr. T. J. Sanders, president from 1891 to 1901.

The inaugural luncheon was served at 12:30 in the Masonic Temple, vice president R. F. Martin, presiding. Dr. A. T. Howard, father of the new president offered the prayer of thanks. Greetings from the United Brethren church, the village of Westerville, the Ohio College Association, the faculty and student body of Otterbein, and the Evangelical church were tendered Doctor Howard, who responded.

The annual alumni banquet was served to nearly 400 alumni and friends in the college church dining room at 5:30 p. m. with Lawrence K. Replogle, class of 1919, and assistant superintendent of schools of Columbus, as toastmaster.

The homecoming play "The World Within" was presented by the speech department under the direction of Prof. J. F. Smith at 8:30 p. m. in the Westerville high school auditorium. A capacity audience witnessed the production and lauded it as one of the best presentations to be made in recent years.

Doctor Howard succeeded Dr. J. Ruskin Howe who resigned last February. Before assuming his duties at Otterbein in July, Doctor Howard was editor of the Sunday school literature of the United Brethren church.

Prior to his election as editor, he served thirteen years as director of youth education on the general Board of Christian Education, and for six years as director of leadership education in the United Brethren church.

Doctor Howard holds degrees from Otterbein, class of 1922, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and New York University Schools of Education. He

has studied for two quarters in the College of Education of Ohio State University.

Doctor Howard is the author of the books *The Successful Sunday School*, *Catechism for Youth* and *When Youth Worships*. He is a contributing editor of the *Christian Endeavor World* and a member of the advisory board of the *International Journal of Religious Education*.

He holds offices in many denominational and interdenominational church organizations and is a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite.

The new president is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Howard, Dayton, Ohio, both of whom graduated from Otterbein in 1894. He was born in Tokyo, Japan, where his parents were missionaries for a number of years. Dr. A. T. Howard is a former bishop of the foreign missionary areas of the United Brethren church, and until his retirement occupied the chair of missions at Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

Mrs. J. Gordon Howard is a graduate of Otterbein, class of 1923. She and Doctor Howard have two daughters, Gloria 11 and Sarah 8.

Sunday, November 4, the Columbus Town Meeting of the Air was broadcast from the Otterbein College Chapel from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m. The program is under the auspices of the American Association of University Women and was a panel discussion on the theme, *What Is a Liberal Education?* Those participating in the panel were: Dr. Stringfellow Barr, president of St. Johns College, Annapolis, Maryland; Dr. Boyd H. Bode, professor emeritus of the department of Education at the Ohio State University; Mr. Charles Martz, moderator president of Foreign Policy and editor of "Our Times;" Dr. Paul B. Anderson head of the English department at Otterbein College.

Following the broadcast, Doctor and Mrs. Howard held a reception for their friends at their home at Westerville.