

Westerville, Ohio, Thursday, November 1, 1945

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Otterbein To Inaugurate J. Gordon Howard

Seventy-Five Colleges Will Be Represented In Procession

Services Will Be At Ten O'clock Saturday
In The First United Brethren Church

Dr. J. Gordon Howard will be inaugurated as fifteenth president of Otterbein college, Saturday morning at 10 a. m. in the First United Brethren church. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, president of Denison university, Granville.

Saturday, November 3, will also be Homecoming day at Otterbein and hundreds of alumni, ex-students and friends of the college are expected for the joint celebration. A football game with Capital university is scheduled for 2 p. m. The Homecoming Queen, Miss Juanita Gardis will preside over the game. Her attendants will be Miss Jane Stevenson, Miss Alice May Guest and Miss Cuba Doll.

Procession at 9:45

The academic procession for the inaugural will start at 9:45 a. m. from in front of the Administration building. More than 75 representatives of colleges and universities will march to the college church.

Dr. A. R. Clippinger, bishop of the central area of the United Brethren church, will preside at the service. Homer B. Kline, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees, will formally induct Dr. Howard as president of Otterbein.

The college choir, directed by Prof. A. R. Spessard, with Miss Frances Harris as organist, will sing. The processional and recessional music will

be played by Prof. G. G. Grabill, head of the Otterbein department of music. Dr. Daniel Harris of the class of 1923, now professor of voice at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, will sing a solo following the new president's address.

Dr. Kenneth Irving Brown, guest speaker, will use as his subject, "Cherishing and Creating the Christian and Democratic Traditions in a Living World Society." Dr. Brown chose his subject from one of the early ideals of Otterbein, an ideal she is striving to realize.

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

Inaugural Luncheon

The inaugural luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. in the Masonic Temple, Vice President R. F. Martin presiding. Dr. A. T. Howard, father of the new president, will offer 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 will be tendered Dr. Howard, who will respond. The football game at 2 p. m. with Otterbein's arch rival, Capital university, is expected to draw a record crowd. The team will do its best to help Otterbein retain the Otterbein Capital trophy which now resides in her trophy case as a testimony of two victories over Capital last season.

The annual Alumni banquet will be held in the college church dining room

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at 6:30 p. m. with Lawrence K. Replogle, class of 1919, and assistant superintendent of schools of Columbus, as toastmaster.

The homecoming play "The World Within" will be presented by the speech department under the direction of Prof. J. F. Smith at 8:30 p. m. in the Westerville High School auditorium.

Dr. Howard succeeds Dr. J. Ruskin Howe who resigned last February. Before assuming his duties at Otterbein in July, Dr. 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.

Dr. Howard holds degrees from Otterbein, class of 1922, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and New York University School of Education. He has studied for two quarters in the College of Education of Ohio State university.

Dr. 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 organizational and interdenominational organizations the Scottish Rite.

Parents Are Alumni

The new president is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Howard, Dayton, both of whom graduated from Otterbein in 1894. Dr. J. Gordon Howard 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 recent retirement occupied the chair of missions at Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

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



DR. J. GORDON HOWARD