

—LING IN—Processional of 430 delegates at Drew for the inauguration.

Drew Inaugurates 8th President

Sees College Staff Vital

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MADISON—A bleak picture for staffing American Colleges was painted by Dr. William P. Tolley, Chancellor of Syracuse University, the main speaker at yesterday's inaugural of Dr. William Fisher Oxnam as the eighth president of Drew University.

"The outlook for more and better graduate education in America is undeniable," he told the gathering. "The outlook for staffing American colleges is at best grim; there is clear and urgent need for graduate education."

Dr. Tolley spoke before 2,500 people assembled on the Mead Hall lawn as Dr. Oxnam was inaugurated in colorful afternoon ceremonies.

The Syracuse Chancellor said that in the need for graduate education Drew's role is distinctive.

"Possessing as it does, an historic impulse from the Theological School, the University ought to be able to keep its vision clear amid the fog banks of secularism," he said. "Her task is to set alight the spirit of learning on the horizons of human knowledge."

'Highest Importance'

"The role of the university president is of the highest importance," he went on. "In a university the problem is not so much the choice between good and evil, but between good and good. The demands are endless; the opportunity for expansion unlimited."

"In the president's office if nowhere else," he said, "ends have a priority over means. It is a lonely business. It requires both knowledge and insight, both thought and action. His is always the choice of ends, which in retrospect is always the critic's choice."

Dr. Oxnam, formerly president of Pratt Institute in New York, is the first layman to hold the post of president at Drew. He was formally installed by Donald R. Baldwin, president of the Board of Trustees at Drew.

"It is my expectation and prayer that all of us, student and

faculty member, alumnus and trustee, may plan and build upon the considerable current strength of this institution of higher learning toward the University it will become," Dr. Oxnam said.

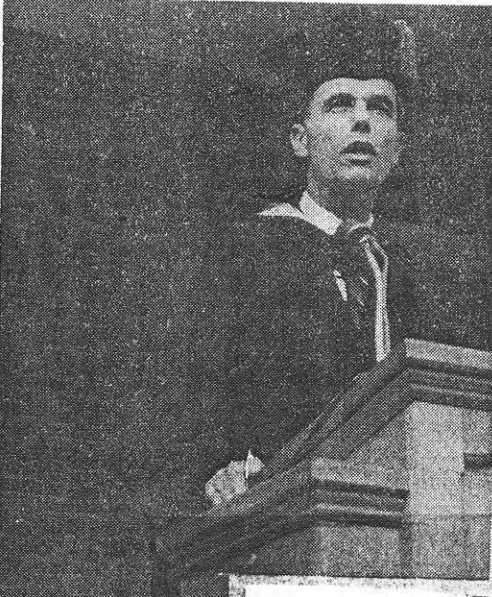
Confident Potential

"All of us who are members of Drew University," he said, "share a reverence for its tradition, an entirely healthy concern with the present, and a confidence with its potential. The pressures of this period have brought a greater public awareness of the urgent nature of national investment in higher education."

Eight Bishops of the Methodist Church attended the ceremonies, including the new President's father, retired Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who gave the Benediction.

Following the processional, a reception honoring President and Mrs. Oxnam was held in the Samuel Bowne Hall of Graduate Studies.

Drew was founded in 1867 and is composed of a College of Liberal Arts, School of Theology, and Graduate School.



Dr. Robert Fisher Oxnam addresses throng.

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