Sees College, Staff Vital

By JAMES STABLE

MADISON—A bleak picture for staffing American colleges was painted by Dr. William F. Tolley, Chancellor of Syracuse University, the main speaker at yesterday's inaugural of Dr. William Fisher Osnam 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. Osnam was inaugurated in colorful afternoon ceremonies.

"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."

"The role of the university president is one 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 anywhere else," he said, "ends have a priority over means. It is a lonely business. It requires both knowledge and insight, both thought and action. He is always the choice of ends, which in reality is always the crux of choice."

Dr. Osnam, 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, alumnae and alumni, may plan and build upon the considerable current strength of this institution of higher learning toward the University it will become," Dr. Osnam said.

Confident Potential

"All of us who are members of Drew University," he said, "share a reverence for its traditions, an entirely healthy concern with the present, and a confidence in 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 procession, a reception honoring President and Mrs. Osnam was held in the Samuel Howe Hall of Graduate Studies.

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