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Dr. Patterson was born on August 22, 1887, at Moncton, N.B., the son of John C. and Henrietta Patterson.

After graduating from Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., with the degree of B.A. in 1907, he studied theology at Victoria (now Emmanuel) College in the University of Toronto, obtaining a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1912. He later did post graduate work at Columbia University, where he obtained the degrees of M.A. in 1927 and Ph.D. in 1932.

After completing his theological studies at Victoria College Dr. Patterson served in Japan as a missionary of the Canadian Methodist Church (now the United Church of Canada) from 1912 to 1916. Enlisting in the Canadian Army in 1916, he served three years with the Canadian Field Artillery and Royal Garrison Artillery (July, 1916 - July, 1919). In 1921 he returned to Japan, working with the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Japan until 1932. He then continued this work in Canada, working from 1932 to 1936 with the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada and from 1936 to 1943 as General Secretary of the Toronto Y.M.C.A.

On February 1st, 1943, he joined the Department of External Affairs and was sent out immediately to assist in establishing the Canadian Legation at Chungking, China, where he served as Counsellor until May, 1945. He then spent a year with the Department in Ottawa and in June, 1946, was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Nanking, China, where he has been attached until the present date. Before leaving for China Dr. Patterson acted as alternate Canadian representative on the Far Eastern Commission in Washington, July - Sept. 1946. From August 15 to November 15, 1947 he served as acting Head of the Canadian Liaison Mission at Tokyo in the absence of Mr. E.H. Norman.
