

**DR. F. W. PATTERSON**

REV. D. M. THOMPSON, speaking of Acadia's choice of a President, in the "Western Baptist", says: "It is a matter of congratulation that Acadia should look to the prairies, not for a college graduate, but for one who in the university of life has become pre-eminently qualified to fill the high office to which he has been called".

Dr. Patterson, who was inaugurated Feb. 15, 1923, is a native of the Maritimes and has held several pastorates in his own province, New Brunswick.

After having successfully acted as "under-shepherd" with the Second Moncton Church and the First and Second Grand Lake Churches, he became assistant pastor of the Sackville Church in 1899. In 1900 Dr. Patterson heard the call of the West and accepted the pastorate of the Minnedosa Man., Baptist Church, and later served as pastor in Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton, returning again to Winnipeg in 1916, as pastor of the First Baptist Church, which position he held for three years, resigning in April, 1919, to become Secretary of the Baptist Union.

But this does not record the full extent of our new President's labors and influence. In 1916 he became editor of the "Western Baptist", a paper that finds its way to our library shelves, and one which has been a great help and inspiration to many. He has also been contributing editor to the "Sunday School Worker" since its first issue, a regular contributor to the "Christian Index", Atlanta, Georgia, and the current issue of the "Baptist Review and Expositor" contains an article by him entitled "Religious Education in the Public Schools".

Whether pastor of a church or editor of a paper, Dr. Patterson's interests were by no means local. He was a member and chairman of the General Board of Education of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, member and chairman of the Board of Governors of Brandon College; member of the Senate of Brandon College; chairman of a committee on Revision of Theological Curriculum, and was chosen by