

Members of the University of Oklahoma staff, from regents and deans to laborers, paid tribute to President W. B. Bizzell at the commemoration of his twenty-five years as a college president and his tenth year as University of Oklahoma president. Of special interest during the season is the publication by the University Press of President Bizzell's "The Relations of Learning" which is reviewed on the opposite page. The University Press is one of the finest projects that has been conceived and brought into existence during Doctor Bizzell's administration.



Doctor Bizzell Honored

WITH expressions of felicitation on his twenty-five years as a college president and his ten years of service as head of the University of Oklahoma, the University staff paid tribute to Dr. W. B. Bizzell at a dinner recently in the Oklahoma Union.

At the climax of the brief program, Dr. J. B. Cheadle, professor of law, acting in behalf of the University staff, presented to Doctor Bizzell a rare Dove's Press Bible, one of the finest examples of printing of all time.

"When the presentation of a gift was planned," Doctor Cheadle said, "the faculty wished it to be a fitting memorial of this occasion and of the substantial appreciation we all have of the character and tastes of our President." After describing the book in some detail, he said, "President Bizzell, speaking for the entire personnel of the University staff whose gift it is, we present you this rare Dove's Bible, this work of art, this monument of human character. We do this in common appreciation of the sterling character and unselfish devotion which you have brought to your task here. It is a recognition of the ability with which you are performing that service for education and for our state. More than all that, it is a symbol of the personal affection that each one of us has for you."

Earlier in the evening Dr. E. E. Dale had spoken for the staff, extending felicitations and congratulations because of Doctor Bizzell's quarter of a century of service as a college executive. Reviewing the president's career, he pointed out that Doctor Bizzell had served ten years as superintendent of the Navasota public

schools before going to the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, in 1910, to become its president, later serving as president of Texas A. and M. from 1914 to 1925 before coming here as president ten years ago.

"We have met here this evening to extend to you our felicitations and congratulations because this is your twenty-fifth year as college president and tenth year of your service as president of the University of Oklahoma," Doctor Dale said.

"No doubt you found in your work at Texas A. and M. abundant opportunities to exercise all the skill and wisdom acquired in your previous years of educational administration. We know how you met these grave problems and heavy responsibilities and the record of your efforts at that institution is written large in the history of the Lone Star state.

"But if it were an effort requiring courage of the highest order to leave your post at Denton for the Texas A. and M., how much greater effort it must have been to leave the latter institution for the University of Oklahoma, an institution outside your native state with unknown problems to be met and solved. How well we of your faculty feel that you solved them, our presence here tonight furnishes abundant proof.

"We know that the past ten years have been far from easy ones. We know that in the past few years when our people were in the grip of an economic depression that seemed to threaten the very foundation of society itself you must have felt often something close kin to despair. No doubt, if you had consulted merely your own personal inclinations you would have glad-

ly laid down burdens that at times must have seemed well nigh intolerable. But always there was before you the responsibility for the institution you had come to call your own and for the men and women here tonight, your colleagues and fellow-workers. For the courage which prompted you to carry on in spite of difficulties, we are profoundly grateful.

"Just where lies the secret of your success may be a matter of opinion, but I, for one, feel that it lies in part in your idealism and faith in the future of higher education, coupled with high courage and a serene disposition that meets perplexing situations with unflinching cheerfulness, kindness and good humor."

Paying tribute to Mrs. Bizzell and the president's mother, Mrs. Sarah Bizzell, Doctor Dale said, "I would not close without a word of felicitation to those two to whom more than all others Doctor Bizzell owes his life's happiness and success. I have every confidence, Doctor Bizzell, that your mother and Mrs. Bizzell regard this evening as a happy occasion. Many honors have come to you in the past but I know that when honors come to most men there is always a faint cloud upon the otherwise clear sky of happiness, a feeling of unworthiness, a lingering doubt as to whether or not these things are rightly due. But no such doubts come to disturb the peace of mind of wives and mothers. Wives and mothers are not built that way. They know that whatever good comes to a loved son and husband is richly deserved and more. May I say to you two that this great group agrees wholeheartedly with you in that opinion."