



Dr. Isaac H. Miller; Dr. Frederick B. Patterson, Chairman of Board of Trustees; Dr. Francis Keppell, Former U. S. Commissioner of Education; Bishop Earl G. Hunt; Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Board of Education United Methodist Church; Dr. J.

Henry Sayles, Marshall; Mrs. L. Maynard Cattings, Assistant General Secretary, World Division United Methodist Church; Dr. George Breathett, Marshall, make their way toward chapel for Inauguration ceremonies.

Dr. Isaac Miller Installed As President Before Educators From Across Nation



Dr. Isaac H. Miller, Jr. receives the investiture of his office from Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, chairman of the Bennett College Trustee Board.

Ceremonies Held In Pfeiffer Chapel Oct. 12

Dr. Isaac H. Miller Jr. was inaugurated Saturday, Oct. 12, as the tenth president of Bennett College. Before a crowd of nearly 250 educators, representing universities and colleges all over the country, and scores of friends and well-wishers, Dr. Miller received his investiture of office from Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, chairman of the college Board of Trustees.

In becoming president of the college, Dr. Miller was, in some respect, returning "home", for he spent three years here as a youth while his father served as dean and treasurer of the college.

"I was born," he said, "in Jacksonville, Fla., where my father was teaching at Cookman Institute. Later when it merged

with Bethune College at Daytona Beach to become Bethune-Cookman College, my father came here to Bennett."

"We stayed here from 1923 to 1926. . . at which time the Women's Board (of the Methodist Church) took over the operation of the school and turned it into a school for women."

"We then moved to Holley Springs, Miss., where my father worked at Rust College until 1929. Then we came back to Salisbury and Livingstone College." The Miller family has called Salisbury home ever since.

Long a teacher of note, and looking ten years younger than his 48 years, Dr. Miller is, in the jargon of the educator, "a teacher's teacher."

He has worked in the public schools of the state, and at a number of colleges, including A&T University here and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. where he won the Lederle Medical Faculty Awards (1957-1960) and the Golden Apple Outstanding Teacher Award for 1962-63.

Since coming to Bennett, he has not been able to resist the lure of the class room, teaching an undergraduate course in biochemistry last Spring.

In terms of ideology, Dr. Miller might be termed a "progressive liberal." Not one to stick to tradition for tradition's sake, he has been responsible for the removal of many outmoded laws that had become Bennett College "tradition."