

Who Was this Doctor?

- *Dean of Academic Affairs of the National College of Chiropractic (1926-29).
- *President of the Western States College, School of Chiropractic & Naturopathy from 1932 to his death in 1954.
- *Called for university-affiliated chiropractic colleges in 1934, and developed a 4 year, 4,000 hour chiropractic curriculum in 1936.
- *Chairman of the National Chiropractic Association's (NCA's) National Council on Public Health (1942-1954); wrote and lectured on the health risks of tobacco; served on the Committee on Educational Standards.
- *Western States College was among the first chiropractic schools to require two years of college as a prerequisite for chiropractic training (1953).
- *Leading exponent of "Rational Chiropractic" and the push for improved basic science training for chiropractic students.



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William Alfred Budden, D.C. (1884-1954) was born in Farham England, and resettled in Canada in 1903, where he taught economics at the University of Alberta. In 1924, after receiving his doctorate, he served as dean of the National College of Chiropractic. He resigned as dean in 1929, moved to Portland, Oregon, and purchased the Pacific Chiropractic College (which claimed a lineage to D.D. Palmer), which was re-organized in 1932 as the Western States Chiropractic College, and granted chiropractic and naturopathic doctorates. W.A. Budden is best remembered for his tireless efforts to raise basic science educational standards at Western States and throughout the profession, and for his frequent lectures at national and state association conventions. From 1933 to 1954 he published nearly 100 articles on a wide variety of clinical, educational, historical and other professional topics in the *Journal of the National Chiropractic Association* (NCA). His December, 1948 commentary in the *JNCA* argued against C.O. Watkins, D.C.'s proposal to provide clinical research training for chiropractic students, and established his historical credential as a leader of the "rational chiropractic" movement. The Western States president believed that basic science training alone was sufficient to establish the scientific basis of chiropractic. Dr. Budden was very active in the NCA's Committee on Educational Standards, and served for many years as chairman of the NCA's National Council on Public Health.

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