

*Oct. 14, 1953*BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN ELECTED
FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY

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RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--Baker James Cauthen, 44, secretary to the Orient, was elected executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board at the semi-annual meeting of the Board October 13. He succeeds M. Theron Rankin, who died *on June 27, 1953.*

In 1939 he was appointed missionary to China, where he did evangelistic work in Kweilin, Kwangsi Province. He served in China until 1945, at which time he was elected to the position he now holds, supervising Southern Baptist mission work in China, Japan, and Hawaii. In addition to these duties, Dr. Cauthen led in the opening of new mission work in Formosa, Indonesia, Korea, Malaya, the Philippine Islands, and Thailand.

Dr. Cauthen held pastorates in rural churches in Angelina and Coryell counties in Texas, and in Fort Worth. Before going to the mission field, he served as acting professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A native of Texas, he received his early education in Lufkin, the B.A. degree from Stephen F. Austin Teachers' College, the M.A. from Baylor University, and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Miss Eloise Glass, daughter of China missionaries, and they have two children.