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DR. G. KEARNIE KEEGAN
NAMED STUDENT SECRETARY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, Southern Baptist youth leader for many years and present pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, has been elected secretary of the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board to succeed the late Dr. Frank H. Leavell.

Dr. Keegan has accepted the position and will start his new work May 1, according to Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Board.

The new Southwide student secretary was born in Bunkie, La., in 1907, and is a graduate of Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, La., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by Howard Payne College in 1945.

After completing his work at the Seminary, Dr. Keegan was called to return to his college church at Natchitoches, where he did such an outstanding work with students that he was elected secretary of student work for Louisiana Baptists. He served as pastor at the Emmanuel Church in Alexandria and the First Baptist Church of Longview, Tex., before accepting the call to the Temple Church in 1945.

Dr. Keegan served for seven years as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the East Texas Baptist College. He was chairman of the committee which launched the new Memorial Building on the Southwestern Seminary campus and has served as president of the Southwestern Alumni organization.

Both William Hall Preston and Robert S. Denny, associates in the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, have hailed the election of Dr. Keegan and have pledged him their best efforts in carrying on the work headed so long and effectively by Dr. Leavell.

Dr. Keegan was married in 1933 to Marian Morgan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Southern Baptist missionaries stationed at Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. and Mrs. Keegan have one daughter, Kathleen.

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CONVENTION MESSENGERS SHOULD BE PROPERLY CERTIFIED

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Registration cards for the certification of messengers who will attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention are now available from the office of the executive secretary of each state Baptist convention.

Messengers should be appointed by the churches according to the following provision of the Constitution in the Southern Baptist Convention:

"Article III. Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purpose and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.
2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.
3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10)."