



BAPTIST PRESS
News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention

NATIONAL OFFICE
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37219
Telephone (615) 244-2355
W. C. Fields, Director
Jim Newton, Assistant Director

BUREAUS

- ATLANTA Walker L. Knight, Chief, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309, Telephone (404) 873-4041
- DALLAS Billy Keith, Chief, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, Telephone (214) 741-1996
- NASHVILLE (Baptist Sunday School Board) Lynn M. Davis, Jr., Chief, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203, Telephone (615) 254-1631
- RICHMOND Jesse C. Fletcher, Acting Chief, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. 23230, Telephone (703) 353-0151
- WASHINGTON W. Barry Garrett, Chief, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone (202) 544-4226

September 1, 1970

**Eddleman Joins Baptist
Sunday School Board Staff**

NASHVILLE (BP)--H. Leo Eddleman, executive vice president of Religious Heritage of America and former president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will join the staff of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board about September 30, according to an announcement by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer.

Eddleman's position will be a newly-created one, doctrinal reader, reporting directly to the executive secretary-treasurer.

"In these days of increasing diversity among Southern Baptists, it becomes ever more vital for materials published by the Sunday School Board to be written and edited not only for understanding, but so that there be minimum misunderstanding," said Sullivan.

Eddleman will be responsible for reading every publication of the Sunday School Board before publication, and for making suggestions for clarification where it is needed," Sullivan said.

In making the announcement, Sullivan noted Eddleman's credentials as a conservative scholar: "I know of no Southern Baptist who blends so well the qualities of scholar, pastor, teacher, writer and communicator."

Eddleman will have no supervisory responsibilities, and his position will not change the present responsibilities of editorial secretary Howard P. Colson, according to Sullivan.

The new doctrinal reader for the Sunday School Board has been executive vice president of Religious Heritage of America since early this year, when he resigned the presidency of Southern Baptists' third largest seminary. He had held the seminary post for more than 11 years, succeeding Roland Q. Leavell.

A native of Mississippi, Eddleman went to New Orleans Seminary from the presidency of Georgetown (Ky.) College.

Previously, he had served six years in Palestine as a missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He had lived in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Nazareth.

Eddleman was pastor of Parkland Baptist Church in Louisville from 1942-52, and taught Old Testament and Hebrew at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary there for two years as a pastor, and taught there as a full professor for two additional years.

He also lectured and studied in Palestine (Israel) and studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., he received the master and doctor of theology degrees at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Georgetown College conferred on him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1949. He has written ten books.

-30-

PHOTO TO BE MAILED BY BSSB BUREAU

#####

Home Mission Board Names
Three Missionary Couples

9/1/70

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board with offices here has approved the appointment of three couples to career missionary service, granted church pastoral aid for three missionaries, and appointed 12 missionary associates.

-more-

Named to career missionary status were Frank and Ida Clairborne of Topeka, Kan.; Oliver and Ellie Marson of Poplar, Mont.; and Danny and Margaret Moon of Los Angeles.

Clairborne is superintendent of Baptist mission efforts for the Smoky Hill-Kaw Valley Baptist Associations in the Topeka, Kan., area.

Previously, Clairborne was a Missouri pastor and superintendent of missions for the Linn County and Livingston Baptist Association, Brookfield, Mo., for four years. A native of Nevada, Mo., he is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

Mrs. Clairborne, the former Ida Verona Driver, is a native of Fort Leavenworth, Kan. She attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and was a church organist and piano teacher.

Although Marson's status changes to career missionary, he will retain his present position as missionary to the Indians of Poplar, Mont. He and his wife have been missionary associates for two years. The native of Baton Rouge, La., graduated from Louisiana Baptist College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been pastor of churches in Mississippi and Alaska, his most recent pastorate being the First Baptist Church of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Mrs. Marson is also a Louisiana College graduate and a Louisiana native and a public school teacher.

Moon and his wife Margaret, are missionaries to internationals in Los Angeles, Calif. They have also been missionary associates for several years.

Thirty-one-year-old Moon is a native of Seoul, Korea and graduated from Seoul's Han Kuk University. He has attended California University and holds a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Moon is a native of Tremonton, Utah, and has earned bachelor and master's degrees in library science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

She has been coordinator of children's services for the Tulsa City-County Library System, Tulsa, Okla., and librarian in the public libraries of Fort Worth and Los Angeles.

-30-

Retired Missionary for 44 Years,
James C. Quarles, Dies at Age 87

9/1/70

RICHMOND (BP)--James C. Quarles, for 44 years a Southern Baptist missionary to Uruguay and Argentina, died Aug. 31 in a Richmond hospital at the age of 87.

Since retirement in 1952, Quarles and his wife had made their home in Richmond. His death came six days after their 62nd wedding anniversary.

A member of North Run Baptist Church here, Quarles had taught a men's Bible class until he contracted pneumonia about a month before his death. He also carried on an extensive "letter ministry," writing to new members, parents of new babies and the ill. Until about a year ago, he sang in the choir.

A native of Virginia, he was a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He also attended Union Theological Seminary here.

He and his wife were appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1908 as missionaries. After a year of language study and working briefly with the First Baptist Church of Rosario, Argentina, they went to Montevideo, Uruguay, to pioneer Southern Baptist work in that country.

Returning to Argentina in 1918, Quarles served in Buenos Aires as director of the Baptist Publication Board and editor of El Expositor Bautista (The Baptist Expositor), a national denominational paper, for 13 years. He was field missionary in the Cuyo district of Argentina from 1934 until his retirement.

Following his death, Quarles' pastor said that the former missionary "was loved by everybody--children, young couples and the elderly," because he was always so jolly.

His brother, L. C. Quarles of Richmond, is also a retired missionary to Argentina. Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, and a son. Funeral services were scheduled Sept. 2 in Richmond.

-30-

September 1, 1970

3

Baptist Press

Midwestern Seminary Faculty Approves Degree Exchange

KANSAS CITY (BP)--The Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary faculty, in its two-day fall retreat, voted unanimously to offer all graduates who have earned the bachelor of divinity degree the privilege of exchanging the degree for the master of divinity.

The across-the-board exchange was prompted, seminary officials said, by earlier action by the American Association of Theological Schools' recommendation that the bachelor of divinity degree be discontinued.

Both the bachelor of divinity degree and master of divinity degrees at Midwestern Seminary represent substantially the same courses of study, with only a difference in nomenclature, according to seminary officials.

All bachelor of divinity degree graduates of the seminary will be notified of the procedures to be followed. For a \$10 fee, such graduates may turn in their earlier bachelor's degree and exchange it for the master's with no additional course study required. Termination date for making the exchange will be May 30, 1971.

In another major action, the seminary faculty voted to revise and restructure the requirements and curriculum for the master of divinity degree.

Three major reasons for this action were cited by Seminary President Hillard J. Berquist:

The revisions will give greater flexibility to the program to meet the changing needs of a day of specialization and of multiple ministries, Berquist said.

Secondly, it will give the student greater selectivity and freedom of choice in shaping his seminary career to his own individual capabilities, background and vocational choice, including an increased number of electives.

Berquist also cited the possibility of the seminary moving toward offering the doctor of ministries degree, with emphasis upon practical ministries through the church.

All six of the Southern Baptist Convention owned theological seminaries have agreed to give careful study to the doctor of ministries degree and to move together in launching such an endeavor, Berquist said.



BAPTIST PRESS

*460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37219*

RECEIVED
SEP 2 1970
HISTORICAL COMMISSION, SBC

DAVIS C. WOOLLEY HO
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
127 NINTH AVE. N.
NASHVILLE, TENN. 37203