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Eddleman To Become New Orleans President

NEW ORLEANS--(BP)--H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., is the new president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

T. O. Winn, New Orleans, president of the seminary's trustees, announced Eddleman's election to succeed Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, who has retired. He said Eddleman will assume his new duties here about Feb. 1.

Eddleman becomes the fifth president of the seminary. His predecessor, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, was named president emeritus last April and now resides in Jackson, Miss. Dr. Leavell served from 1946 to 1958.

Other presidents of the seminary and dates of their service here were the late Dr. Byron Hoover DeMent, 1917-27; Dr. W. W. Hamilton, present chaplain emeritus of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, 1928-43; and Duke K. McCall, now president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 1943-46.

J. Wash Watts, dean of students and professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the seminary, has served as acting president since January, a post he also held during 1942-43, prior to the election of McCall.

A native of Marion County, Miss., Eddleman has served for the past 4½ years as president of Georgetown College.

During 1941-42 he taught Old Testament and Hebrew at New Orleans Seminary and prior to that served six years in Palestine as a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While a missionary, he lived in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Nazareth. He devoted his time to educational, evangelistic, and pastoral duties among the Hebrews and Arabs, employing both the Arabic and Hebrew languages.

He was pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, from 1942-1952, the latter two years teaching Old Testament and Hebrew at Southern seminary.

In 1952 he resigned the pastorate to devote full time to his teaching duties at Southern seminary and was promoted to full professor in 1953.

The same year he was awarded a scholarship through the American Association of Hebrew Professors and New York University enabling him to spend six weeks attending Israeli government lectures and studies.

Eddleman is a graduate of Webb High School, Webb, Miss., and holds the A. B. degree from Mississippi College, Clinton. He received his seminary training at Southern seminary where he was awarded the master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees.

Additional study was done at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, in 1936-37, and in 1949 Georgetown College conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Active in Baptist work in Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention, Eddleman has served as Kentucky member of the Foreign Mission Board and is currently a trustee of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, and president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges.

Eddleman has written two books, "To Make Men Free" and "The Teachings of Jesus." He has also been a frequent contributor to Baptist newspapers and periodicals.

His civic activities include work in the YMCA, Volunteers of America, Christian Civic League, and Citizens Ballot League Board. He also holds an honorary Kentucky Colonel's commission and is a member of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew in America.

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Eddleman is married to the former Miss Sarah Fox of Morristown, Tenn., who attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., and received the A. B. degree from Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., and the master of religious education degree from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville.

The Eddlemans have two daughters, Miss Evelyn Lucille Eddleman, who was born in New Orleans, and Miss Sarah Enfield Eddleman, who was born in Tiberias, Palestine, while Eddleman was serving as a missionary.

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