

WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA EXCELS

(Louis J. Bristow, D. D., in the Western Recorder, Louisville.) It is very pleasing to South Carolina Baptists to know that the State led all the South in the percentage of churches contributing to the 75-Million Campaign.

According to the figures issued by the Home Mission board, it is learned that more than ninety-five percent of the churches pledged. The next highest percentage of churches is found in Virginia, where little more than ninety-one percent pledged.

The figures quoted indicate in some degree the splendid co-operation of all the churches in the South Carolina Convention. This State has its problems—many of them. There are so-called "backward" churches in the mountains; there are churches in the coastal country where population is sparse and educational advantages few; and there are rural sections all over the State which present their own peculiar problems.

Notwithstanding at the unequalled place in the column of States accorded us by the response of the churches to the 75-million appeal, education holds first place in the activities of the denomination in South Carolina.

The total amount pledged by the churches to the 75-Million Campaign for 1920, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Of this sum, three million, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars was appropriated to education within the State.

Plans of the Education Commission now in operation will have a far-reaching effect upon the State's youth. These plans include the establishment of five additional high schools in the Eastern and coastal sections of the State, and a boys' preparatory school of the first rank to be located at Chester, about midway between the Catawba and Piedmont sections of the State.

These educational plans loom large in the expectation of the denomination. They come as the fulfillment of long-deferred hopes and earnest labors. But they do not represent the full measure of the Baptist effort in educational matters.

DO YOU THINK PRESENT PRICES FOR COTTON FAIR PRICES?

To the Farmers of South Carolina: If you go ahead and plant another crop of cotton you need not complain if the prices do not go higher than at the present time. By planting another large crop you indicate your willingness to accept the prices prevailing at the time of planting.

As a matter of fact, however, if you plant anything like a normal crop this year, you are going to be forced to sell it together with what cotton you have on hand from last year's crop at much lower prices than are prevailing now.

South Carolina sent \$111,000,000 to the West last year for feedstuffs. Let's raise less cotton and more food and feedstuffs.

South Carolina Cotton Association. eral Assembly. The constituency represented by the associations includes more than one-half of the voters of this State; and while State legislatures commonly are not responsive to petitions from religious bodies, the action of the Baptist Associations will not be without influence upon the legislature now in session.

Conservation Conferences The General Board has arranged for holding conservation conferences in every association during March and April. At these meetings pastors, executive committeemen, W. M. U. and other workers are expected to be present and make plans for the Spring "round-up" in the churches. It is the custom in South Carolina to have two pay-up periods—one in the Spring and the other in the Fall.

Nearly nine thousand baptisms were reported by the churches in this State last year, and a net increase in membership of around five thousand. This increase is more than the 75-Million Campaign led many of the churches to "clean up" their rolls.

This cleaning up of the church membership rolls was not the least benefit attributable to the great campaign. Abbeville, S. C.

TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST

British Royal Geographical Society said to Be Contemplating Ambitious Expedition.

Enormous interest has been aroused by the announcement that the Royal Geographical society contemplates fitting out an expedition to attempt the ascent of Mount Everest, in the Himalayas. For not only is this the highest mountain on the globe; but it is also the world's mystery mountain.

Although it was discovered 70 years ago, no European has yet succeeded in getting anywhere nearer than about fifty miles to it, much less setting foot on its slopes.

This is because it so happens that it is situated partly in Nepal and partly in Tibet, and the governments of both these countries object to the presence of European explorers.

Besides this the Nepal base of the giant mountain is in any case practically unapproachable, owing to the dense jungle growth, extending for a width of 60 or 70 miles all round, and into whose depths no white man may venture and live.

The proposal now is to attempt the ascent from the Tibetan side. This is doubtless possible, but whether the summit can be reached or not is another matter.

Most experts say not, and point to the fact that the duke of Abruzzi's attempt to scale Mount Godwin-Austin, Everest's mighty neighbor, and the second highest peak in the world, resulted in failure.

He ascended as far 24,600 feet, but was then obliged to turn back, owing to the difficulty of breathing, due to the extreme rarefaction of the air. Mount Everest is more than 29,000 feet high.

ANCIENT HARPS OF IRELAND

Two Instruments, Each Having a Distinct Purpose, Were in Use in Olden Times.

The ancient Irish harp was of two kinds—a small instrument used chiefly for religious purposes, first by the old Druids in their rites, and later by the Christian bishops and abbots. The other harp was large, and was used in public assemblies and in battles.

The bagpipes were introduced into Ireland from Caledonia. They had the same use in the Irish armies they now have in the Highland regiments. But the Irish made, in the course of time, an improvement, using bellows to fill the chanter, instead of the mouth, and continued improving the instrument until the union-pipes of today are the result.

As to early Irish harpers and their music there is little known, but at Queen Elizabeth's court, Irish tunes were popular. Of late huge books of ancient Irish melodies have been collected and arranged. Petrie has attracted attention to this field by his thorough investigation of Irish folk music.

India Ink Really Chinese Ink.

The intensely black inks have various sorts of finely divided carbon as their pigment, and the vehicle in most instances is some type of oil or varnish. India ink is the name often applied to what is in reality Chinese ink. The best of this variety comes from the Anhui province and is made from the lamp black produced when wood oil is slowly burned in one earthenware vessel and the soot or lamp black produced is collected on the sides of a second jar placed above the first.

Literature of the Czechs.

Czechic literature has voluminous and impressive accomplishments to show. Take, for example, Bohemia's three great writers of the nineteenth century, Dobrovsky, Jungmann and Palacky. Jungmann compiled a dictionary of the Czech language in five volumes. Palacky wrote a work of 20,000 pages on Czechic history, and Dobrovsky wrote a grammar of Czechic. The most indefatigable writer, however, was Jaroslav Vrchlicky. He translated Dante's "Divine Comedy," Ariosto's "Orlando Furioso," Calderon, "Faust," Walt Whitman, as well as works from French, Hebrew, Yiddish and Chinese. No one knows how he found the time to do it. Among the leading Czech writers of the present, Frana Sramek, Toman Kodicek, the Capek brothers and Theer rank high.

Before and After.

"Before and after pictures," said an opera singer at a Philadelphia musical, "afford some very striking contrasts. This is especially true of before and after pictures of marriage. "A man sat with pipe and book and an \$18 bottle of hooch before the radiator one night while his wife turned a three-year-old dress. "The man laid down his book and tossed off his fifth drink of hooch. His wife looked up at him calmly, and said: "George, when you proposed to me you said you were not worthy to undo the latches of my shoes." "George stared at her in amazement. "Well, what of it?" he snarled. "Nothing," she answered; "only I will say for you that whatever else you were, you weren't a liar."

BACK US UP!

(Proper Gander)

It has been said that athletics make the school. That is nothing else stimulates the interest and enthusiasm for the school as do athletics. Athletics is a term used to cover all outdoor and indoor sports. Therefore, it takes football, basket ball, baseball, tennis, swimming, races, track meet to get the proper interest in the schools.

But what advantage is there in having these sports if there no team or if there are no games? First comes the team and then the games.

But it takes more than the pupil to make the team and the game. It takes the yells of the school children and interest of the people of the town. It is an entirely different matter to play amid the yells and cheers of the on lookers than to play with an entirely silent crowd of spectators. For is it very encouraging to the players to have only school goers as spectators.

Spectators from town show that the people of the business world and the home makers realize that the school belongs to them. They see in it the future. They are willing to give the school a little of their time.

But more than the time it takes the interest of the outsider. For several weeks basket-ball has been the sport. Only a few people, except school children attended any of the games. It isn't the admittance fee (for that is very small) that causes the small crowds. It must be your lack of interest, business man, housekeeper.

In order that the teams may go on, we ask your help to them by coming to the games. It won't take but a little of your time and money. It does not mean much to you. But it means so much to the pupils and to the school. Be a sport and back us up in our endeavors to make the Abbeville schools the ideal school.

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