

# BAPTISTS' REPORT GAIN IN NUMBERS

IN LAST 14 YEARS THEY HAVE  
ADDED OVER MILLION MEM-  
BERS IN SOUTH.

## WILL MEET IN CHATTANOOGA

Many Matters Related to Future Work  
Will Come Up for Consideration  
at the Annual Convention  
May 12 to 18.



DR. E. Y. MULLINS

President Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Who is Touring South.

Following the close of the second year of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign April 30, several thousand messengers from the local churches are expected to assemble at Chattanooga, Tenn., for the seventy-sixth annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention met in Chattanooga last in May, 1906, and during the interim there has been a marked growth in every department of the Convention's activities and in the numbers and work of the local churches as well. The total number of Baptists reported to the Convention in 1906 was 1,855,784, while last May, fourteen years later, when the body met in Washington, the total membership of the local churches as reported was 2,961,348, or a gain of 1,105,564. The returns for this year are not yet available, but inasmuch as it is known there were practically 175,000 additions to the local churches last year by baptism alone, there is every reason to believe the showing for 1921 will be even larger.

### Growth Shown in All Lines.

At the same time there has been a marked increase in the membership of the churches, there has been a distinct advance in all departments of local and denominational work, it is set out. The total number of local churches has grown from 20,129 in 1906 to 25,303 in 1920; the total number of Sunday Schools from 11,332 to 17,636; and the number of Sunday School pupils from 857,244 to 1,336,936, an increase of more than 100 per cent. The value of local church property has mounted from 4,501,122 in 1906 to \$74,273,728 in 1920, an increase of more than 1600 per cent, while contributions to missions and benevolences in 1906 were \$1,501,396.67, as compared to \$7,831,266.55 in 1920, an advance of practically 500 per cent. Fourteen years ago the contributions to all purposes in a year were \$5,941,283.44, as against \$21,327,446.67 for 1920.

### Next Meeting Important.

The approaching session of the Convention is regarded as vitally important to the future of the denomination's work. It is hoped that by the Convention two-fifths of all subscriptions to the 75 Million Campaign will have been paid in cash and that the program for the completion of the remainder of the campaign task can be formulated at this time. Dr. J. E. Gambrell, president of the Convention, and Dr. E. Y. Mullins, who recently completed a tour of Europe, where they carried fraternal greetings to the Baptists of that continent, will give their impressions of Baptist opportunity in that country, while Dr. George W. True and Dr. J. F. Love, who represented the Foreign Mission Board at the London Conference last summer when the mission fields of Europe were considered, will tell of the new territory of Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Roumania and Southern Russia which Southern Baptists are asked to occupy. This territory is as large as the Southern States and has a population of 128,000,000.

All the boards of the Convention will report the largest year's accomplishments in their history, the Home Mission Board being scheduled to report the completion of its million dollar loan fund for church building, in addition to the aiding of a thousand churches during the year with gifts and loans for the erection of new houses of worship. The Sunday School Board will report more than \$1,000,000 in sales for the year and with collections as well as sales better than at any previous time in its history.

### VAUGN COMMITTED SUICIDE IN FLORIDA JAIL

T. C. Vaughn, former superintendent of the South Carolina Odd Fellows home, committed suicide in the county jail at Tampa, Fla., where he was being held for extradition by the South Carolina authorities. Vaughn, while under death sentence for assault on several children, less than 14 years old, inmates of the home of which he was superintendent, escaped from the state hospital, where he was under observation for his sanity. He went directly to Florida, where he was engaged, under the assumed name of Earle, as a teacher, being principal of the school at Port Tampa at the time of his arrest. He was recognized on the streets of Tampa by a former Columbian, who had him arrested and lodged in jail to await extradition to South Carolina. Sheriff Heise of Richland county proceeded to Florida, but arrived after the prisoner had committed suicide, bringing the body back to Columbia, where it was positively identified.

When first arrested Vaughn made several attempts to take his own life, but was frustrated in each instance and was at first confined in a straight jacket. He was soon afterwards, on showing a return to sanity, placed in a cell with several prisoners, under arrest for murder, and on the morning of the suicide a razor which was supposed to go the rounds of the prisoners for the purpose of shaving fell into his hands. He immediately proceeded to cut his throat, using a powerful stroke, which almost severed his head from the body. Death was immediate and occurred before any aid could be rendered.

Though said to have a wife and several children in this state, Vaughn had married again in Florida, his wife being a Miss Beanguard of York county, a former nurse at the hospital, whose acquaintance he made during his confinement in that institution and who went to Florida about nine months after Vaughn's escape and became his bride. According to Dr. Williams, there is no evidence to connect Miss Beanguard with the escape of Vaughn and she will not be brought back to South Carolina. At last accounts she was in a hospital at Tampa, ill from shock. She is a sister of Miss Beanguard, also a nurse at the hospital, who committed suicide last fall as a result of a love affair.

The death of Vaughn brings to a close an unpleasant case. While awaiting trial in the Greenville county jail, Vaughn escaped but was recaptured in Baltimore. He was found guilty and sentenced to be electrocuted, but was removed to the state hospital in order that his sanity might be established. He escaped from the hospital about two years ago and has since been in Florida, where he taught school in several towns.

### CROSS ROADS DOTS.

Messrs. John Taylor and Dewey Boot motored their best girls to New Brookland last Saturday afternoon and took in the show Saturday night.

Prof. C. G. Williams and family motored to Columbia last Saturday; also Mrs. D. L. Jefcoat and son, Willie.

Miss Grace Fallaw spent the weekend with Misses Rosa and Lillie Pound.

Mrs. Ashby Lloyd is visiting her father, Mr. R. E. Pound, near Gaston.

Mr. Legree Jefcoat visited Miss Marie Argoe Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Elijah Jefcoat and Mr. Kellar Jefcoat visited their sister, Mrs. C. G. Williams, Sunday afternoon.

### LIVE NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND EDMUND.

Well, here we are again, and, for the life of us, we haven't the remotest idea what we are going to write, but before we will even mention the weather or the "health of our community," we won't say a word, so there you are.

Anyway, we are afraid to say much, for fear that it was our "grammertickle" mistakes as the old lady said, that caused the editor to get called down. We may not always be grammatically correct, but our intentions are good, and if we make a mistake or two, the super-aesthetic readers may skip us, we won't feel slighted.

Mentally, we gave the editor a sympathetic hand clasp. We have been bawled out so often and so fed up on advice as how to run our little affairs till sometimes it palls our appetite for human companionship and we decide that Robinson Crusoe was lucky in his lonely exile on the island, and, were we in a like situation, think that we should feel inclined to kill any man Friday that broke into our solitude, instead of giving him "the glad hand."

Truth is, teachers and editors are the most "jacked up" people in the world, and we suspect that the editor happened to be the first person met after some Johnny's or Mary's "Maw," or "Paw" had called down the teacher, and the teacher "passed it on." We know whereof we speak, for we have "been through the mill" both as "bawler" and "bawlee."

It is gratifying to know that the potato warehouse is an assured fact. At first, its fate seemed to be "hanging in the balances." It seems to be a hard matter to get farmers to take to the idea of cooperation. Possibly, it is a result of the old "gold brick" days when farmers were so easily fleeced of their hard-earned dollars. However, we hope it will not long till it gets in full swing in South Carolina as it has in some states.

Another thing, we think there is too much publicity connected with the farmer's business. The government reports, the number of livestock he owns, how many acres he plants and of what. If the authenticity of these reports were unquestionable, it would be a different matter, but in many cases, we believe, it is mere guess work, therefore misleading. If the gamblers knew less of how many bales of cotton are raised and how many bushels of corn and wheat are marketed, he couldn't victimize us so easily. Sometimes we think that the old farmer, who wrote on the back of the report card sent him to fill out "None of your darned business" and returned it, was right.

Mr. A. Stork, one of our most progressive farmers, and family spent Sunday in Columbia visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Sharpe visited the latter's brother at Eureka Sunday.

Mr. Jim Addy spent the week-end with Horace Tanner.

The Edmund school closed last Friday. Exercises by the pupils and a basket picnic were enjoyed by those attending.

Little Miss Caroline Griffith celebrated her twelfth birthday Sunday by inviting a few of her immediate relatives to enjoy the delightful dinner prepared by her mother.

Times are hard, money is scarce (and if we hadn't said we wouldn't mention the weather, we would say the weather was cold), but as long as we can enjoy strawberries and cream and strawberry pie, we still feel that life is worth the living.

**DOTS FROM HERE AND THERE.**

Farmers seem to be planting right along; not much cotton but plenty of corn.

There was a large crowd at the wedding at Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miles, when their daughter, Miss Annie, became the bride of Mr. Cellus Oswald, April 9, 1921. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shealy and family, Mr. H. E. Seay, Mr. M. J. Lybrand, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Anderson.

Miss Agnes Miles and sisters visited Mrs. J. M. Shealy Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Shealy has a bad leg, but is better at this writing.

Miss Agnes Kyzer and sister spent last Sunday at Mr. J. H. E. Lybrand's.

Mr. H. E. Seay called on his best girl Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shealy were in Gilbert shopping just recently.

**EGG PRESERVER**  
Prepared Solution of Water Glass

The simplest and best preparation for preserving eggs. Colorless and odorless and does not impart any flavor to the eggs. Full directions for use. Convenient size, quart cans, will put up dozen or more at a small cost.

HARMON DRUG CO., Lexington, S. C.

## PERSONALS

Mr. Ben Hook, Barrs, was here yesterday buying supplies, etc.

Mr. and S. J. Derrick, of Swansea, were visitors up this way today.

Mrs. John Roof of Barrs, was in town yesterday busy shopping.

Mrs. S. D. Hook, Barrs, was a lively patron in the dry goods stores Tuesday.

Mrs. Wilbur Roberts, Providence, always a welcome customer at our stores, was here yesterday busy.

Mrs. H. H. Boozer, one of our regular business visitors, was here Tuesday, busy as she could be.

Mrs. Weber Rawl, of Providence, was a busy shopper here Monday.

Mr. Johnnie Roberts, one of our substantial citizens and good farmers, Providence, was here on business yesterday.

Misses Julia Bickley and Louise Kyzer, two of our admired young ladies, were visitors to Columbia Saturday.

We regret to note that Mr. Wilbur Redd's little boy is at the Columbia hospital under Dr. Weston's treatment.

The daughters of Mrs. J. J. Schwartz, Mrs. Annie Felder and Mrs. Hattie McCartha visited her here Sunday.

The Porth Bros. are giving a series of picture shows in various parts of the county, to the satisfaction of the public. They are here today arranging their circuit.

Mr. R. L. Huffstetter, of Chapin, R. 4, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Amick, was in town Monday.

Look at the label on your paper and keep it in advance if you wish to receive the paper regularly.

Messrs. L. B. and W. E. Frick, two of the good farmers of the Fork section, were in town yesterday on business. They report some frost the last two mornings, and are afraid the grain crop has been damaged, with fruit seriously hurt.

Mr. R. V. Lucas of Sandy Run was a Lexington visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Derrick of Swansea were in Lexington Wednesday and paid the printers a visit.

Mr. E. R. Hipp of Little Mountain was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Nichols, of Columbia, spent a pleasant day with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mizell, near the depot, on April 3d.

Mr. L. W. Hyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hyler is improving after an illness of about three weeks.

Mr. D. M. Williams, one of Swansea's oldest and best citizens, was up Saturday looking after his pension and made us a pleasant call.

We were more than glad, last Friday, to have a call from Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Riddle, of Ballentine. They are among many of our old friends. We have shared the hospitality of this good old couple and were pleased everytime to be with them.

Mr. B. E. Craft, the popular cashier of the Bank of Swansea, was in town Monday on business.

Mrs. F. L. Hyler and son, Frank,

### COMMON WITCHHAZEL FINE FOR SORE EYES

It is surprising how quickly eye inflammation is helped by common witchhazel, camphor, hydrastis, etc., as mixed in Lavoptik eye wash. One elderly lady, who had been troubled with chronic eye inflammation for many years, was greatly helped in two days. We guarantee a small bottle of Lavoptik to help ANY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. Aluminum eye cup FREE. Harmon Drug Co.

**MANY LIKE THIS  
IN LEXINGTON**

Similar Cases Being Published in Each Issue.

The following case is but one of many occurring daily in Lexington. It is an easy matter to verify it. You cannot ask for better proof.

Lewie Hall, jeweler, Main st., Lexington, says: "Kidney trouble bothered me in the worst way some years ago. Oftentimes I had to stay away from my business. I was so bad off. Dizzy spells bothered me and my sight was affected. My back ached all the time, and it was hard to bend over. The kidney secretions passed too often and broke my sleep at night. I felt tired out all the time, and at times the secretions were highly colored and contained sediment.

I tried different remedies, without getting relief, until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. It wasn't long before Doan's cured me of all the trouble, and I haven't been bothered since." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mr. Hall had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Jr., are on a visit to Mrs. Hyler's mother, Mrs. Price of Columbia, for a few days.

Mrs. J. W. Hyler and daughter, Mrs. Clarence Sharpe, spent last

Friday in Columbia shopping and also

paid Mrs. Hyler's son, Vera, a visit,

who is now sick in the hospital at

Camp Jackson. Glad to say he is im-

proving.

Mr. T. G. Leaphart and son of Columbia, spent Saturday with Mr. Leaphart's aunt, Mrs. J. W. Hyler,

near the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Kaminer, Mr.

and Mrs. Mizell and little son, Rob-

ert, and Mr. McCarthy spent a pleas-

ant afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Job

Harman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mizell and

little son, Robert, Jr., have recently

moved from Charleston and are now

living near Lexington depot. Mrs. Mi-

zell is the next oldest daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. J. W. Hyler.

### PINEVIEW SCHOOL

There will be a moving picture show at Pineview school house Friday night, April 15, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Remember we have a Fatty Arbuckle and other famous comedy star plays, also other good pictures.

### THE GEORGE TO ERECT

LARGE STORE HOUSE

Mr. W. D. George has let the co-

tract for the erection of a brick store

building on the lot near his home

at the depot. The size of the store