MILLION BAPTISMS HAD BY BAPTISTS

New Evangelistic Record for Nation for Five Years Set Up in South.

WOULD DEVELOP MEMBERS

Effort to Enlist Entire Constituency of 3,500,000 in Regular Giving Planned Soon.

More than one million new members have been received into the Baptist churches of the South by baptism alone during the past five years, according to a survey by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, statistical secretary of the Bouthern Baptist Convention.

The exact figures, 1,037,550 baptisms,



DR. ELLIS A. FULLER,

est a new record not only for Southern Baptista, but for any evangelical body in America, the records reveal. This achievement is equivalent to 24 haptisms for every hour, 576 for every (lay 3,990 per week, 17,292 per month and 207,510 per year

Prominent in the achievement of this result has been the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. This board orginized eighty years ago has, within that time more than a million baptisms and 1,426,386 additions to the churches to show for the labors of its missionaries, while the agents of the board have within that period raised and disbursed in mission work in the South, Panama and Cuba the sum of \$18,213,336,10

Last 22 Years Productive

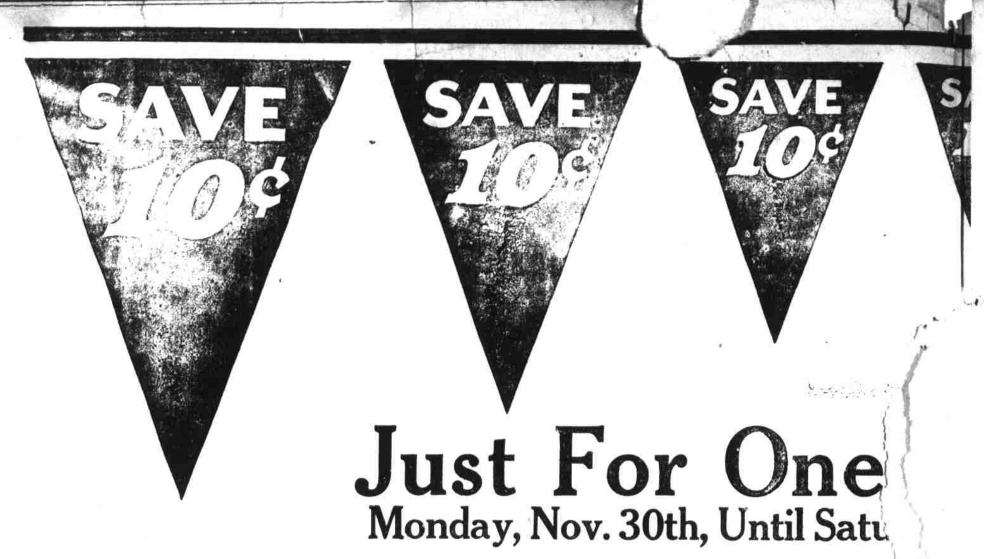
The larger part of these achievements of the Home Board has come during the past 22 years, covering the secretaryship of Dr B. D. Gray Under Dr. Gray' administration the workers of the board have baptimed 562,497 persons, received 1, 122,344 persons into the churches and organized 4,997 new churches. Within the same period the agents of the board have raised and discoursed in m sion work the sum of \$14,723,695,87

The evan clittle department of the filme Mission Board has been its greater; single evaluation asset. This department has been without an three head recoulty, but the hard has just called to that position for Ellis A Fuller of Green wille. S. C., and he entered up a his work October 1. He is a young man of college and seminary training and has been unusually successful in soul winning and other phases of work as a paper.

Southern Empirate have been far increase, asful in winning converts. and church members than they have been in the general spiritual day . r ment of the members it is post-oil out. In the hope of bringing about a development of the 3,574,531 mem bers of the denomination to the point where all of them will have a share in supporting all he mission ary, educational and benevolent work fostered by the denomination, an Every Member Canvass will be conducted in a majority of the 27,000 Baptist churches throughout the South, during the late fall and winter, the majority of the states em ploying the week of Dec. F-13.

Would Enlist Every Momber
The eanvass will be conducted under the general auspices of the Cooperative Program, which is fostering state, home and foreign missions,
the Baptist schools, hospitals and
orphanages, and the work of ministerial relief. The ideal toward which
the commission is striving is that of
every member, giving every week
to every cause in proportion to his
ability, through his local church. As
fully as possible individual Baptists
are being urged to give a tenth of

their income to Christian work So extensively have the various missionary and benevolent enterprises fostered by Southern Baptists grown in recent years that it now requires a minimum of \$13,000.000 per year to keep the work growing. Each state is being asked to provide its proportionate share of this amount. The state boards, in turn. are asking the respective associations in their states to accept definite quotas for 1926, and the associations, in turn, are asking the local churches to assume a definite proportion of the associational objective for the year.

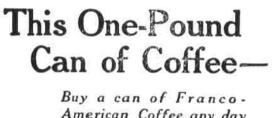


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