iome Valuable Statistics. THE GASTONIA GAZETTE. Nashville Christian Advocate. Last year's Southern Methodist Handbook reported only one Confer-

\$4.17.

ence, which paid \$7.18 per member.

There were two Conferences which

paid \$6.24 per member, and the Mon-

tana Conference, which paid \$6 per

member. Two Conferences paid as

high as \$5-the New Mexico, \$5.70,

and the Denver, \$5.26. Five Confer-

West Texas, \$4.67; German Missis-

ton, \$4.50; East Columbia, \$4.40;

Florida, \$4.22, and South Carolina.

'3" class-was the Northwest Texas.

which paid \$3.98. The next to the

Northwest Texas was the Southwest

member for missions should be cred-

ited to the following Conferences in

\$1.16: China Mission, \$1.10; Mon-

tana, \$0.87; Los Angeles, \$0.80;

According to the last Handbook

there were 835 superannated preach-

ers in Southern Methodism. The

Conferences having the largest num-

ber are respectively as follows:

North Georgia, 47; North Texas, 46;

Central Texas. 43: Baltimore, 40;

Conferences having the largest num-

ber are, respectively, as follows: St.

Louis, 37: East Columbia, 36; Hol-

ston, 33; Louisville, 30: Southwest

Missouri, 29; Texas. 28; Western

North Carolina, 28; Tennessee, 27;

How to Enjoy Sunday.

gregational Church, Topeka, Kans.

2. Get up early and help do the

Stay at home Saturday night

From the Calendar of the First Con-

and get acquainted with your family.

necessary work of the home. An

honest division of labor helps to oil

the wheels of the household, but a

man who sits around reading the

morning paper and letting his wite

go to the Bible school. Go to church.

Religion and worship are necessary

3. If possible make your plans to

4. If you have a neighbor who

does not go to church, invite him to

go with you. If he faints away at

your invitation, telephone to the

head usher of this Church and he will

rush home from church and get you

an extra good Sunday dinner. Let

the Sunday meals demand a mini-

hand for Sunday reading. Write

some letters to friends or to the boy

Christian to confess Jesus as their

Saviour. How long have you been a

Christian yourself without doing this.

day church services, either' as a

worker or a good listener and doer.

Do not criticize the choir. .. You are

that you are well enough to work

and good enough to keep out of jail.

Keep thanking God all day

not such a great singer yourself.

8. Get all you can out of the Sun-

mum of labor for housekeepers.

or girl away from home.

Do not expect your wife to

Keep some inspiring book on

Ask some one who is not a

send an automobile for him.

Retire a little earlier than usual.

There were 652 supplies. The

The highest amounts paid per

Missouri, which paid \$3.82.

respective order:

Virginia, \$0.74;

West Texas, \$0.62.

Virginia, 38; Texas. 36.

Baltimore, 24.

do all the work-

to a full-grown life.

6.

9.

The highest in the figure

German Mission.

Denver. \$0.70

ences were in the figure "4" class-

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WHERE YOUR CHANCE LIES. The Outlook.

An army of men and women are looking for "chances," to use a word commonly taken to mean opportunities. They are eager to be something worth while and to be something that will count in the world. To many of them the search seems to be fruitless; in spite of passionate appeals the heavens are brass over their heads.

And there are some men and women against whom the doors seemed to be barred, but they are few; the trouble with the vast majority is that they do not understand the meaning of two very inconspicuous monosyllables-here and now. A teacher who has the gift of diverting her pupils from looking for things outside themselves by showing them how to find unexpected things inside themselves insists that they shall form the habit of looking through things instead of looking at things. Reclamation, which is one of the key words of the time, is chiefly finding the uses of things that have been overlooked or neglected; and fortunes are being made today by the utilization of things that were thrown away a generation ago. The by-products of one period become the staple products of the next period. Peole with brains have looked through them instead of at them.

Most people fail of the success they long for because they do not look through things; they rest in appearances, and are deluded and, so to speak, tricked by the outward show of things. It is a mistake to look for chances at a distance; for chances, like charity, begin at home. They are not even next door; they are in the house. Like Emerson's "Hypocritic Days," they are meanly attired, and those who judge by appearances, think them of no account An English John Wanamaker.

A." R. Presbyterian.

When Mr. Wanamaker was Postmaster General, and his official duties called him to Washington, he made a practice of returning each Saturday to his home in Philadelphia so that he might superintend the great Bethany Sabbath School. In the Rt. Hon. T. R. Ferens, of Hull, England, who has just been chosen President of the World's Sunday School Association to succeed the late Sir Robert Laidlaw, we find another instance where official duties are not allowed to interfere with the Sabbath School Mr. Ferens was nominated by the British Section of the World's Sunday School Association ,and unanimously confirmed by the American section at the meeting of its Executive in New York City on October 26th.

Mr. Ferens has been a member of Parliament since 1906, but during that time he has continued to act as Superintendent of the Brunswich Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath School, of which he has been in charge for forty-two years, and which now has a membership of 2,500. During Parliamentary sessions, Mr. Feren's travels back from London to Hull each Friday, returning Monday morning-about two hundred miles each way-in order to superintend his school on Sabbath and conduct the young people's service on Sabbath evening. He has been Treasurer of the British Section of the World's Sunday School Association since 1913 and in 1908 was President of the London Sunday School Union.

In addition to his Parliamentary duties, Mr. Ferens is Privy Cuncillor of London, and also High Steward of Hull-an office generally held by a Peer of the Realm. Political opponents admire him and many vote for him because of his high personal character.

Mr. Ferens is chief director of an industrial firm with a capital of 2,-000,000 pounds. He entered the firm nearly fifty years ago with an empty pocket, and sterling worth has brought him to the front. He helieves in systematic giving: when a man is only moderately well off, one tenth of his income may suffice, but as he becomes rich his proportion should be raised. He has presented a public park to the city of Hull; given 10,000 pounds to purchase olctures for the Hull Art Gallery; built and endowed a Haven of Rest for old people, and provided two recreation grounds for tennis, cricket, etc., in different parts of the city.

To such a national and international leader as Sir Robert Laidlaw, Mr. Ferens is a worthy successor: and the World's Association may well feel honored in his selection as the official leader of the Sabbath School hosts of 31,000,000.

PRESIDENTS' LONGEVITY.

Lancet Contributor Considers Their Ages Remarkable.

New York Times.

An anonymous contributor to the Lancet of London discusses longevity among great men and points out that the longevity of the Presidents of the United States is remarkable. The New York Medical Journal summarizes as follows his remarks on the Presidents:

"Their ages were as follows; 67,

WAS SHOT AT BY WOMAN.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

Mrs. J. M. Nelli Fires One Shot Barney Scruggs Claiming that He Ruined Her Life-Occurred in Boyce-Falls Building at 10 Oclock.

Considerable excitement was occasioned on Main street about 10 o'clock this morning when it was rumored that Barney Scruggs had been shot to death at the head of the stairs in the Boyce-Falls building by Mrs. J. M. Neill. An investigation, however, proved that although Scruggs had been fired at he had escaped without any injury whatever save a good scare.

After firing one shot at Scruggs the woman quietly walked to the police station and surrendered to Chief Carroll and Patrolman Adderholdt, saying that she had shot Barney Scruggs with the intention of killing him. The officers went to the scene of the shooting with the expectation of finding the dead body of Scruggs in a pool of blood, but instead they found, after looking in every room in the building, Scruggs hid in a closet in one of the offices, alive and unhurt but badly frightened.

Scruggs stated just after being shot at that he had received a letter yesterday from Mrs. Neill asking him to meet her at the P. & N. passenger station this morning. This he said he did and thinking that the woman wanted to see him on some business matter, told her to go with him to Lawyer C. D. Holland's office where they could talk without being interrupted. He says he and Mrs. Neill walked across the street and up the stairway and just as they turned down the hall she drew a pistol and fired directly at his head. missing him only an inch or two. When the shot was fired Scruggs stated that he ran down the hall and hid in the closet.

Mrs. Neill stated to Chief Carroll that Ecruggs had made it unpleasant for her and had ruined her life. The trial will be held tomorrow morning. At noon an effort was being made to raise a bond for the woman. Her husband is a carpenter by trade and was at one time in the furniture business in Gastonia.

Can't Locate Man.

Chief of Police J. W. Carroll received a tlegram this morning for W. R. Penland stating that the latter's sister was dead in Asheville and asking him to come. No one of that name is known here and the police department had not been able up to noon to locate him. Any one who can furnish any information regarding Penland's whereabout to Chief Carroll is requested to call the city hall.

Visitors,

Among out-of-town people here yesterday, either on business or pleasure, were the following: H. F. Forbes, Crowders Creek; Mr. Leon Oppenheimer, of Baltimore; Mr. W. H. Falls, of Pleasant Ridge; Mr. T. M. Ferguson, of Crowders Creek; Mrs. M. J. Patrick, of Union: Mrs. Joe Riddle, of Bethel: Mr. H. B. Pursley, of Crowders Creek; Mr. H.

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and give them no hospitality; when they have gone beyond recall, they shine like princesses with priceless gifts in thier hands. They stop at the doors of many who are not at home because they are abroad look-ing for chances. The tragedy of failure is far oftener in absence from home when the chance comes than in the fruitless search for it.

The chance lies chiefly in us. and we invite success, not by sending invitations abroad, but by making ourselves ready to entertain the chance when it comes. Mr. Nicholson has recently said that one reason why so many second-class men are prominent in American politics is the fact that so many first-class men would rather be President of the Pennsyl-vania Railroad than of the United States. However that may be, the man at the head of that great transportation enterprise did not start out and look for that position; he did the work that fell to him day by day with such fidelity and skill that the obscure path he climbed led straight on to the top of the hill.

The young physician who means to become an authority does not waste the days when he is waiting for patients; he makes himself ready by the hardest kind of study. The young lawyer of ability, waiting for clients, does not fill his apprenticeship with impatient wishes for the coming; he qualifies himself for the time when he will be mercilessly tested by his opportunities. The romance of real success is the story of obscure years of faithful preparation for the chance which at last opens the door. Waiting for a chance does not mean sitting at home and letting the world go by: it means putting into the present hours the most faithful kind of preparation. and dealing with the task in hand as if it were the work on which all the future depends—as very likely it is.

Humble Men and Women Have Power.

The Final Argument for or against Christianity is always people. Faulty Christians are the adverse argument hardest to meet. Humble, sincere believers are a favorable argument of the strongest sort. In "Uncle Tom's Cabin" St. Clair speaks of his mother: "Why, cousin, that mother has been all that has stood between me and utter disbelief for years.' She was the direct embodiment and personification of the New Testament -a living fact to be accounted for, and to be accounted for in no other way than by its truth. A church is always strong if among its emmbers or in its puipit and choir gallery are men and women who can stand between other men and disbelief by embodying their faith. Humble men render tremendous service in this way where prominent men may utter-ly fail. In God's reckoning it must be that the men who give his grace a chance in their lives stand higher than men who refuse it the chance, wherever they may stand among other-men.-Ex.

Spend Your Money With Home

10. Close the day with a song and a prayer after calling up the preacher and telling him you plan to follow his advice when you go to work tomorrow.

THE UNIVERSAL RELIGION. Why is Christianity the universal and final religion?

1. It is the only religion that recognizes the universal brotherhood of man.

2. It denies the existence of, and therefore overturns, all racial, national, and sex barriers.

3. Its Leader and Inspirer, its Lord and Master, is not the son of any nation or of any people, but is "the Sor of man."

4. In its purpose, in its promise, and in its command it is the universal religion.

It is the only religion that needs no temple, no cathedral, or special place for worship.

6. Its sacred book is the only one that can be translated for spiritual profit into all the languages of humanity.

7. As a universal religion it has begun to hold a dominant place in the world of international law, culture, and morals

8. It presents the highest and most comprehensive idea of God.

9. It offers the highest ideal of character and gives the highest ideal of redemption.

10. It offers the highest and most conclusive proof for its final and absolute truthfulness - individual experience.-Samuel M. Zwemer, in Missionary Review.

Good Year at Hawthorne Lane. Charlotte Observer, Sunday.

Sunday was the last of the conference year in Charlotte Methodist Churches and many reports were rendered on the year's activity, among them being that of the Hawthorne Lane Church, which completes fits first year's work under Rev. R. D. Sherrill.

At services held by the Hawthorne Lane Church Sunday it was shown that the church building is nearly completed at the corner of Hawthorne Lane and East Eighth street, services to begin there immediately following the conference.

Superintendent O. O. Atto has been re-elected to head the Sunday school during the ensuing year and at a recent meeting stewards of the church were elected as follows: O. O. Atto, E. H. Bell, E. A. Cole, J. A. Eagle, B. D. Heath, A. J. Hagood, J. B. Ivey, W. B. Harrell, J. P. Lucas, C. I. Myers, T. D. Payne, J. E. Propst, J. L. Snyder, C S. Stone, H. C. Sher-rill, Dr. J. W. Squires, J. W. Thomas and F. H. Washburn.

Told Him A-plenty.

Monroe Enquirer.

A North Carolina citizen got mad at another citizen and he wanted to cuss him, but he didn't. He just opened his mouth and said unto him: 'lf your fool head was whittled down to fit your brains a peanut hull cut in two the long way would make a hat too big for you."

90, 83, 85, 73, 80, 78, 79, 68, 71, 55, 65, 74, 64, 77, 56, 66, 63, 70, 49, 56, 71, 67 and 58 years. Those at 36, 49 and 58 were, respectively, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, who were assassinated.

"The ages of those twenty-four men totalize 1,663 years, or an average of 69 years each showing, as is believed, that the stress and responsibility of leadership seem to have no effect on longevity."

Drift From Country to City.

Literary Digest.

Some further statistics as to the drift of population in this country from the country to the city were presented in a recent census bureau report. Figures show that this drift has now covered a period of a century and a quarter, or from 1790 to the present time, 1790, being the year in which the first census of population was taken. Since that time the drift has been practically uninterrupted. In 1790 cities were extremely rare in this country. Only one had a population of more than 30,-000. This was New York City, which had at that time 33,131 inhabitants. Next came Philadelphia, with 28,500, and then Boston, with 18,320. in the entire country there were only 3,928,214 people.

SATAN AND RELIGION.

The whisky interests are sending out plate-matter articles to newspapers all over the country, without order, on "The Pulpit Warned against Politics" and "The Country Needs 'Old Time Religion." They hope to deceive and dupe some of the papers into using these miserable articles and thus help work up an impression that the people do not wish their ministers to speak on the subject of temperance. A pretty set of fellows these brewers and saloon keepers are to dictate rules for ministers of the gospel and the policy for the Church of Jesus Christ! With the same concern for pure religion that Satan has, these whisky men would like to muzzle the ministry with the hypocritical claim that the people are crying out against temperance in the pulpit. If any one sees such articles, he will know where they came from and estimate the newspaper that carries them accordingly .- Herald and Presbyter.

Whole-Hearted Consecration.

What we need is to stop dallying with sin. We must come to hate the devil and all his works; we must take the Bible more as our fathers took it, and believe it and govern our lives by its precepts; we must believe intensely in heaven and hell, in sin and salvation, in the fundamental and eternal verities of God, and then preach them and live them. Above all, we must give ourselves and all we have to God and wait before him until we get the cleansing and empowering baptism of the Holy Ghost .- Bishop W. F. Mallalieu.

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BOY PLUS BOOK EQUALS MAN. It happened on a day that a book, a real book, fell into the hands of a gifted and impressionable youth. The reading of it stirred the deeps of his sensitive nature, wakened and stimulated his latent powers, and forever widened his intellectual hori-The influence and suggestive ZODS. power of this book Keats portrays in imperishable lines while yet the spell of Homer is on his soul:

Then I felt like some watcher of the skiea

When a new planet swims into his ken:

Or like stout Cortez when with eagle eyes

He stared at the Pacific, and all his men

Looked at each other with a wild surmise.

Silent, upon a peak in Darien." Every lover and reader of true books has had some such experience, even though it may not have fashioned itself so compellingly in his thought or expressed itself in such unforgetable numbers as in the case of Keats. Some piece of noble fiction, some lyric strain from the poet s pen, some dramatic representation has opened a door that can never be closed. A milestone has been passclosed. A milestone has been pass-ed, an epoch marked. Life can never again be quite as it was. The horfzons are lifted; the world takes on new meaning and is filled with a hitherto undreamed-of glory .--- D. G. Downey.

THE OUTLOOK FOR \$30 SHOES. (From The Boston Transcript)

The shoe manufacturer who, at the banquet of the Boot and Shoe Club last night predicted the price of \$30 for an all-leather shoe "in a few vears. is probably not altogether an idle alarmist. More people to be shod, fewer cattle and horses to supply them with leather for shoes; increasing gold supplies and less dtminishing purchasing power in the dollar; what else can we expect than to have to pay more for shoes?

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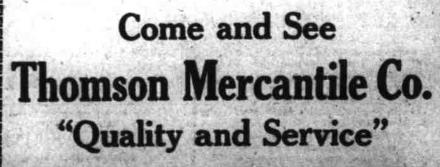
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