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Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.—Deuteronomy, 32:7.

And an highway shall be there
and a way, and it shall be called
The way of holiness; the unclean
shall not pass over it; but it shall
be for those, the wayfaring men,
though fools, shall not err therein.
---Isaiah 35:8

"Father of mercies; We thank thee
for the privilege of prayer; and we
rejoice that thou dost not answer
always according to our petitions.

If thou didst answer to please us
and grant all our desires according
to our requests, we should be ruined

Thou, our Father, art by thy provi-
dence overruling our ignorance and
our headlong mistakes, and are doing
for us, not so much the things we
request of thee, as the things that
we should ask; and we are, day by
day, saved from peril and from ruin
by thy better knowledge and by thy
careful love. Amen."

Children's Day Exercises will be
held next Sunday at 10 A.M.

The Sunday school and Church ser-
vices will give way for this impor-
tant annual event.

The children are being carefully
trained for their parts, and special
music will be rendered by the school.

The church will be decorated with
flowers from mountain field and yard
and the promise is for an unusually
good entertainment.

The offering will be for the
national School work of our Church
and we should have a large collec-
tion for that purpose.

The regular church envelopes with
the offerings for local support will
be given to the church treasurer.

Opportunity will be given to par-
ents to have their children baptized
at this meeting. The Pastor should
be notified before hand.

All parents are urged to be present

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"Mr. Wilson, Chas. Lanning, Jimmy
O'Brian, Jim Thomas and others.
'My oh my' was I a busy boy those
days! "

Echoes of Reunion

Miss Rosalie Sarson

"So much effort had gone into the preparation that I feel deeply grateful to all who made it possible.

Some where I've read that it's most difficult to make people actually realize some other period of history than their own--but last Sunday's happy experience seemed to prove that you have nearly accomplished that almost impossible feat.

"I couldn't help thinking of the part of Maeterlinck's, "Blue Bird" where the two children visit the land of the past and are surprised when their dear Grandfather and Grandmother awake to greet them, and explain to the little brother and sister that the dead do come back to life when those they loved remember them. If this poetic thought contains the germ of a much-longed-for truth, then complete indeed was the reunion of the treasured yesterdays with our hopes for today and tomorrow."

George S. Humphrey writes "I am still enjoying the recollection of the Reunion which as always was so enjoyable. You can never estimate the amount of real pleasure and happiness you have given to so many people, by having conceived and maintained such a delightful institution. As you have said, it is unique."

Mrs. A.M. Weston permitted the Editor to see a letter she had received last February from Harvey Stout, born and bred in Oxford, and we quote some of it that will be of interest to our readers:-

"I have often thought of your son 'Clint' and the many good laughs we had at the old Company Store. Those were happy days. It has been a good many years since I have been in good Old Oxford. Many times I have longed to go back and look the old town over but something always pops up to spoil my plans, but I do hope to make it some day. I can see 'Clint' now, sitting at the store desk with his green eye shade; E.C. Allen on the other side of the store, with an eye on me. Fred Bigelow, Fred Fowler, Jake Zapp, Luther Godschalk, (page one)

The Old Foundry by Patrick Kempsey

In giving a part history of the Machine Shop lately dismantled, it is fitting to move 80 feet south to the Old Foundry, which was in charge of Mr. John Smith at one time.

The molders under him were Antwisel as broad as he was long; John Boof. man, who died two years since in Hackettstown; Thomas Bell who died in Oxford; Jacob Smith, a son of John.

Jacob later went to the Warren Pipe and Foundry Company at Phillipsburg, where he had charge of the department that made of the special elbows, crosses, tees and branches of all shapes. His uncle Andrew had charge of the Pattern shop of the Pipe Company. Men who learned

the molding trade under John Smith were his son Elswert and his grandson Edward Smith; Charles LaPelt, and Edward Smith of Phillipsburg; also Charles Hokesang, and others I cannot call to mind.

Mr. George Burd tended the Cupola and smelted the iron. His son Milton lives in Oxford.

Shortly after Mr. S. took charge of the Foundry he lost his hand by the out door crane. The man at the crane somehow threw it out of gear while Mr. Smith was steadying a large casting to land it on the transfer car. The great arm or boom came down on his hand and almost severed it near the elbow. I and other young men liked to operate the crane as we did not see any danger; but when we were operating the crane, loading castings, Mr. Smith would stand by and advise us to be careful.

There were some pretty heavy castings turned out there, - Rools and Rool housing, all parts for the Bloome Squeezer. The large Fly - Wheels I mentioned in my last letter he made a very good job of them.

I myself had quite some experience with large Fly Wheels, as I helped to assemble and build two of them at the Bethlehem Steel Plant. They weighed 100 tons each. At that time they were the largest built in the country. This was 26 years ago.

And the fly wheels were made for two heavy duty Gas Engines which the Illinois Steel Company of South (over)

Chicago, had installed. Up to that time the only Rail Road that had a car strong enough to carry 100 tons was the Boston & Maine, and with all that they had to make special arrangements and be piloted every mile of the long distance.

But today there are a number of heavy duty cars. The Bethlehem Company has a car with 16 pivoted wheels, capable of carrying a greater load than the road bed would stand.

Our Mr. Chris Seiple and Miss Gertrude Crozier of Easton, were married Saturday, June 6th, at 2.P.M. in the Grace Evangelical Reformed Church of Easton, Pa.

Last Monday evening our young people and the young local friends of Mr. Seiple gave him a surprise "Shower" in the Chapel.

Nearly forty were present and all brought suitable articles to help them in setting up house-keeping. The evening was made most enjoyable by games, refreshments, and social pastimes. It was a spontaneous expression of the high esteem in which Mr. Seiple is held in the community. Members of the dramatic players with whom he has been a leading and enthusiastic worker were present.

Mr. Seiple has been a most active worker in the church and Sunday School and the young people's meetings. The hearty wishes of all persons are for the future happiness and welfare of the newly married couple. They will spend the summer in their Camp on the banks of the Delaware, and go to housekeeping in Easton, in the Fall.

Rev. Irving Maxwell and family with Mrs. O.N. Perry passed through Oxford last Thursday on their way to Newton, and stopped for a few minutes at the Manse. They are all enjoying fine health, and Mrs. Perry looks remarkable well. She expressed her great disappointment at not getting to the last reunion.



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