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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.



Those who registered at  
the Reunion, May 17th, 1936

Phillipsburg, N.J.

Eva Bumiller Mary C. Bumiller  
Fred C. Cook Verna Cook  
Mary E. Cook Mrs. Mary E. Cooper  
Geneva Cooper Ernest Cooper  
Matilda Dreisbach Lydia Dreisbach  
Floyd E. Dreisbach Eliz. Cook Fritts  
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John P. Cook Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Miller  
Robert C. Cook Walter Pittenger  
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Mrs. Fred. Fowler Mrs. Eliz. A. Hummer  
Mrs. A. Weston Mrs. Mildred Tunison

Belvidere, N.J.

Catherine Hixon M. E. Jackson  
R. S. Sarson Mrs. Mason Faust

Somerville, N.J.

John Zulauf Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Rowe  
Elizabeth C. Carey

Newark, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred. Grosjean Mrs. Fullerton  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Zerch Mrs. E. Duggan  
Glin D. Barrett Rose Barrett

Scranton Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Warner Mr. & Mrs. L. Hancock

Philadelphia Pa.

Mrs. J. E. Loder Mrs. H. B. Thompson  
Mrs. Luther Godschalk Ruth Godschalk  
Ruth H. Godschalk

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For the nation and kingdom that  
will not serve thee shall perish;  
yea, those nations shall be utterly  
wasted. Isaiah 60:12

"Lord God Almighty, defend our land  
we beseech thee, from the secret  
power and the open shame of great  
national sins. From all dishon-  
esty and civic corruption; from all  
vain-glory and selfish luxury; from  
all cruelty and the spirit of vio-  
lence; from covetousness which is  
idolatry; from impurity which defi-  
les the temple of the Holy Spirit;  
and from intemperance which is the  
mother of many crimes and sorrows;  
good Lord, deliver and save us, and  
our children, and our children's  
children, in the land which thou  
hast blessed with the light of pure  
religion; through Jesus Christ, our  
only Saviour and King. Amen."

Children's Day is only three  
weeks away, and the School is pre-  
paring a good program. The new  
orchestra is a fine addition to the  
singing, and we look for a great day  
on June the 14th.

The editor apologizes to the  
local subscribers to the Bulletin  
for the delay in mailing the last  
issue. We held them back until the  
usual time, and then forgot them  
until last Monday.

An impressive feature of the  
Reunion meeting last Sabbath, was  
the reading of letters of greeting  
by the Chairman from four ladies  
in their nineties--Mrs. O. N. Perry  
Mrs. D. F. Brigham, Mrs. Edwin C. Perkin  
and Mrs. A. M. Weston. We expect to  
print them soon. Only Mrs. Weston  
was present--she has we believe  
attended all the reunions-- and at  
the request of the Chairman, she  
stood while the audience warmly  
applauded her. We understand that  
all of these nonagenarians are in  
good health other than the burden  
of many years. All hail to them!

## Reunion Notes

The sixth Reunion held last Sabbath was, like those of former years, very successful in all respects.

The attendance, at least 300 during the day, was as large as ever, and the weather was perfect, so that the church yard when there were no services was a picture of happy people mingling in renewed friendship and exchanging reminiscences of old Oxford times.

The afternoon meeting reached the high water mark of such occasions, in the excellency of the program and the rapt attention the large audience gave it.

Mr. Clinton E. Weston, the Chairman who planned and presided over it, received the grateful applause of the people.

The Rev. D. Linton Doherty, who with his family was present in the afternoon, took the invocation.

There were six addresses by three ladies and three men, and many think that the ladies had the best of it.

Mrs. James E. Loder was heard with great pleasure and gave a charming talk. Katherine Scranton Benedict gave some striking historical references which seemed strange to our times. Mrs. Mary Weber Lemmon won all hearts by the evident joy she radiated in face and speech, as it was the first reunion for her, and her delight was unbounded. Both she and Mrs. Benedict were Oxford born and bred. It was also Mrs. Loder's first visit to our reunion and expressed her great pleasure in being here.

It was the first time either of the ladies had been on our programs while the three men have been regular attendants and standbys for the talks. They were Mr. G. S. Humphrey, John Zulauf and Samuel J. Cooper.

They spoke to better advantage, as the sample on the next page shows, but still the palm must be given to the ladies.

The musical feature was the solos by Mrs. Dorothy Woersching, soloist for the Reformed Church in Somerville.

Her singing stirred the whole audience, and the applause showed that all were thankful for coming. She was ably accompanied by Miss Hazel Sutphen, organist for the same Church.

## What Has Oxford Produced ?

By Samuel J. Cooper  
Address at Reunion

Mr. Chairman and Friends:-

What has Oxford Produced ? No doubt it is my imagination, but it seems as though I hear in answer, "Why iron, of course, it has always been an iron town." Yes! For about two centuries iron and Oxford have been inseparably linked; but these mountains, hills, valleys and streams which we call Oxford, answer with a tolerant kindly smile and say "We were here long before man knew there was such a thing as iron; we were clad with forests in which were the homes of insects, birds, beasts and creeping things, and the wigwam of the Indians."

The homes of the early white pioneers,--the Axfords, Greens and others were followed by an ever increasing number of home-builders.

As the curtain of the past is partially drawn back we behold the inhabitants of these homes passing down through time's dim aisles, an ever increasing stream of humanity, led by the scantily clad Indian.

As the column moves forward we see many outstanding figures, the Indians with a good quota. Amongst the white people we note distinguishing characteristics that mark not a few

We will note some as they move silently by;--missionaries, doctors, educators, lawyers, civil-engineers, business-men, skilled workmen interspersed through and forming a part of the stream of upstanding human beings who by honest toil and proper conduct have performed their part in the working out of the plan of the great Designer. With sorrow we note here and there skulking in the shadows, are a few diminutive forms whose dwarfed souls have made them outcasts from the great brotherhood.

Now we see these moving legions deploy before us. There appears on the scene one of humble bearing but royal mien, with kindly face but piercing eye, with calm but commanding voice who marshals this great assemblage in new formation. As they pass before Him in review (over

on some he casts a mantle in which is blazoned a single word, "Hero."

We note that it has fallen on those in all walks of life, from the little child to those whose aged heads are white as the driven snow.

As some of these faces are distinguishable you say, "why there is John and Mary; I went to school with them, what did they ever do that was heroic?" I know not. The Hero of the human race who gave Himself for others knows all those, on whom He bestows His mark, are worthy.

See that tall youth who has just been decorated. I know of one act in his life that I believe is recorded in the annals of the heroes.

Yonder Chapel is the scene, a summer evening the time, the Y.P.S.C.E. prayer meeting the occasion, and he the leader. To help provide the necessaries of life for the family, he being large and strong, for he worked in the mill instead of going to school and his education was so meager that it was with great difficulty that he could read.

This evening he took his place at the leader's little table, lighted by a kerosene oil lamp, and with perspiration streaming from every pore conducted the service in a very creditable manner for one so handicapped. He dared the criticism, the jibes, the sarcasm, the ridicule of unthanking and cruel associates to do his part in maintaining our Christian organization, to acknowledge Christ before men. He was one of many who, with trembling and apprehension led those meetings.

Friends! I think we find these heroes chosen, not because they forgot self but because they subordinated self to the welfare of others.

Oxford has and is producing greater things than iron, iron is but an incident in its life history, it has produced homes and Heroes.

Let us do homage to its Heroes.

Mr. Cooper is planning some stories for the Bulletin which will be based upon historic incidents and facts. He gave us a taste of what how he can do in this way last year and we will look forward to them with expectation of pleasure and also with spiritual profit.

Trenton, N.J.

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Mr & Mrs Fred J West Mrs Henry Zulauf

Portland, Pa.

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Mr & Mrs Edgar Dalbey

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D. Brawne East Orange  
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Katherine Scranton Benedict Hopewell  
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Mr & Mrs G.H. Dearborn Rockaway  
Thalia " "  
Rev. & Mrs. D.L. Doherty Milford  
Betty & Jean " "  
Mrs. N.J. Hutchinson " "  
Mrs Harriet Tice Newton  
Mary Giveny " "  
Mrs Margaret Baylor Dover  
Florence Dearborn Patterson  
Mr & Mrs Fred. K. Sarson Buttzville  
Mary Jane Georgi Maywood

Some of the out-of-town guests neglected to register, and we may have by oversight omitted some names; a few may be misspelled as they were a little difficult to decipher



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