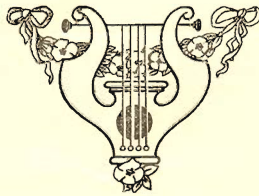


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**THE BULLETIN  
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OXFORD SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**OXFORD, NEW JERSEY**



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Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.  
*Pastor*

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*Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of  
me; for I am meek and lowly in  
heart: and ye shall find rest  
for your souls.*

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden  
is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

STATED MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH  
SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Church Worship, 10:30 a. m.

Young People's Meeting, 7 p. m.

The Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Ladies Aid Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2:30 p. m.

The Lord's Supper is observed at Easter, and on the second Sundays of July, October and January.

The Annual Business Meeting comes in last week of March.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders—Abram Pittenger, Elisha B. Foss, Edward T. Green, Lewis Bergenback.

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Organist—Elizabeth Zapp.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Honorary President—Mrs. Charles Renner.  
President—Mrs. Benjamin Green.  
Secretary—Mrs. Clark Wilkinson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Lewis E. Green.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

President—Emily Austie.  
Treasurer—Chris Seiple.  
Secretary—Helen Snyder.

CHOIR

Leader—Mrs. Edward T. Green.  
Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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Morning Worship

Doxology and Invocation  
Psalm 57      Sel. 1.  
Hymn 50 ---Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Reading  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 117  
Sermon  
Hymn 280  
Benediction

Prayer

"O Lord, we pray thee to save thy people and bless thine inheritance; feed them also, and lift them up forever. Remember O Lord, thy congregation which thou hast purchased of old: pour out thy Spirit as floods upon the dry ground and refresh the waiting heritage. Let thy ministers be clothed with righteousness and let thy saints shout for joy. Show thy mercy also unto them that are afar off, and gather all the lost sheep into thy fold; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

Easter Services last Sabbath were very gratifying to the large audience, for the music by the Choir was unusually good and well rendered. The Choir was much enlarged for the occasion by a number of young ladies.

During the service the infant of Mr. and Mrs. William Ott, was presented for baptism with the name of Mary Katherine.

A standing vote of thanks was given for Elder L. B. Foss for generously caring for the church during the winter on account of the illness of the Janitor.

Before the Lord's Supper was administered the following persons who had been before the Session and received into our Church, were welcomed by a standing vote of the congregation, Mrs. Hilda Courtright; William Gilbert Yount; William Jero and John Jero.

The service was held in the Chapel on account of the inability to heat the Church building. It has been many years since an Easter was celebrated in the Chapel if it was ever done. Perhaps somerecall such an event.

The Welsh on Mine Hill  
By Patrick Kempsey

The Reunion has now become a certainty, as the matter was acted upon by the Annual congregational meeting with a hearty and unanimous vote in favor of holding it as in past few years.

It will be announced in next issue more fully, and the exact date given. The choice of date will lie between May 13th and 20th.

The Ladies will plan to serve an adequate and attractive luncheon, and the Choir are preparing their program of music.

We shall gladly receive the suggestions of old Oxfordites as to the make up of the program for the day, for doubtless new ideas would add much to the interest and success of the occasion.

This kindly help has already been started by Mr. Weber who says:

"When the proper time comes, please put a notice in the bulletin requesting all who wish reservations for dinner at the May reunion to give notice without fail. For it is embarrassing to the Committee in Charge if they prepare for 100 and two hundred come and vice versa. Then the Committee has been appointed give it two for Mrs. Weber and me."

Mr. Weston writes a similar note, and emphasizes effective advertising of the Reunion. We shall do this as well as we can, but after all, the best advertisement in such a matter is the definite promise of old friends to attend if it is reasonably possible to do so. If you expect to come please send us word to that effect, and it may induce others to follow suit.

The Annual Business meeting of the congregation was held March 30th.

Mr. Chris Seiple was chosen Chairman and financial reports were called for.

The Treasurer Lewis L. Green gave the total sum expended as \$ 1245.00

The S. S. Supt. F. B. Foss reported for Miss Ida Smith, the Treasurer, the disbursements for the year was \$207. Mrs. E. E. Green reported as treasurer of the Ladies Aid, the sum of \$580. Chris Seiple the Treas. of the Y. P. Society reported the amount of \$85.00 expended.

Trustees Harry Miller, George Docker, Jr. and Fred. K. Sarson, were reelected for three year terms, and Treasurer, L. E. Green was reelected church Treasurer for next year.

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Let us try to revive some of our lost ancient history. There are many persons in this vicinity who tell the story that the Germans and Irish were the first settlers in what is called Mine Hill.

This cannot be correct as the Welsh mines are the oldest in this town, and for that reason we can assume that the Welsh were the earlier settlers, because the mine takes its name from them.

But how did they start the mine?

We can assure ourselves that they started to sink the shaft at the point still visible where the magnetic needle had shown a strong attraction. They began with pick and shovel and went down we can imagine about ten feet. Then they had to erect what is called a Whim — a large wooden cylinder with a long arm attached, to which a horse was hitched and traveled around in a circle, and thus hoisted the bucket to the top. But in lowering the bucket they would turn the horse around, so he would always be walking forward.

At this point they had struck a little ore which gave them great encouragement, but in a few days they were handicapped by a great quantity of water which could not be kept down and interfered with the digging. Then they had to quit work and were sick at heart but entirely discouraged. One of the men said, "Let us go down to a lower level and dig a cut which will take care of the water." They then started at a point which was later the Staley Mine, and kept at it until they reached a place where the cut was twenty feet deep and then started to drive a tunnel just large enough to work in and use a wheelbarrow to take the dirt to the dump. This tunnel is several hundred feet in length. They used candles and when the candles refused to burn they knew danger was at hand; then two men would take their coats and walk slowly, brushing the foul air a head of them. Then they would again enter and work as long as the air kept good. Even in those days the men showed great skill in handling bad air in tunnels, for it was a rare thing for a man to lose his life, while to-day there are many lives lost even with circulating fans and compressed air. We could see only a few years ago, at what was called the Mud Mine, near the Edison Quarry, which

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they have lately dismantled and scrapped, that they used candles by the hundred gross. Owing to the great Honeycomb and drifting the air was bad on the lower levels and candles were the only safe light.

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The question of the reunion in May was taken up with a unanimous opinion in favor of it, both in the discussion and the vote, which expressed the purpose of making it an annual event.

A motion of thanks was given Elder E. J. Foss for taking care of the church so that services could be held during the illness of the Pastor and the Janitor and directed the Pastor to ask the congregation on Sabbath morning to repeat the expression of thanks.

The Ladies homebaked food and clam chowder sale, held at S. Raymond Rush's hardware store, last Friday, netted them over twenty dollars.

The Easter flower and candy sale held at E. T. Green's grocery store last Friday and Saturday, amounted \$16. in profits.

The Sunday School Board has reelected all the old officers of last year to serve for the coming year.

For two Sabbaths past all the 15 teachers and all the officers were present.

The list of officers will be found in the inside of the cover of the paper/

The spring meeting of the Newton Presbytery takes place next Tuesday, at Sparta.

A card from Mr. Weber states that he and Mrs. Weber expect to return this week from Birmingham Ala., where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. G. N. Lemmon and family. Their home address is 401 2nd Ave., Lyndhurst, N. J.

Mrs. A. G. Yount spent last Thursday attending the annual meeting of the Newton Presbyterial, at Newton.

She is chairman of the Committee on Stewardship. This society is the Woman's Missionary Society Organization of the Presbytery, and does a great work in the churches. We ought to have one in Oxford.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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