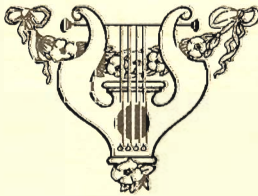


THE BULLETIN
OF THE
OXFORD SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.
Pastor

*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.*

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.

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Morning Worship

Doxology and Invocation

Psalm 27 sel. 8

Hymn 48

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 85

Sermon

Hymn 245

Benediction

Prayer

"O thou King eternal, immortal, invisible thou only wise God our Saviour; Hasten we beseech thee, the coming of thy Kingdom upon earth, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to thy blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and bring low every power that is exalted against him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fightings among us, and let thy spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Restore the desolations of former days; rejoice the wilderness with beauty; and make glad the city with thy law. Let thy will work mightily for human brotherhood and universal peace through our Lord and Saviour Christ.

The ladies are invited to meet at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday next to clean the church and chapel. Bring a lunch. By Mrs. Benjamin Green, Pres.

Mrs. Mary A. Docker of Bound Brook, write that they are "looking forward with much pleasure to attend the reunion on May 20th, and expect to be accompanied by two friends, so desire reservation for four. We will be very glad of the opportunity to meet our Oxford friends.

We enjoy the Bulletin very much and look forward every week with pleasure to receiving it--there is so much in it that is of interest to us.

We hope the reunion this year will be as great a success as it was last year"

They enclosed two dollars for postage and expenses for the Bulletin, for which we thank them.

These expressions of appreciation for our little paper help a lot more than the writers can imagine.

REUNION May 20th.

The Old Melodian

By Edwin C. Perkins

Next Sabbath will be, we trust, a happy day for scores of former citizens of Oxford and members of our church, who will gather with us for the fourth annual reunion, when old time friendships will be renewed, and memories of other days will be exchanged with ever growing delight.

The morning hour of worship at 11 o'clock, D.S.T., will be made attractive by special music, choral and instrumental, and the sermon will be given by the Rev. D. Linton Doherty, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Milford, N.J.

Mr. Doherty was the immediate predecessor of the present pastorate, and is an excellent speaker as well as a pleasant gentleman. He will be heard with great pleasure by all friends and members old and new.

During the noon recess there will be time for mutual visiting, and the luncheon, served in the chapel by the ladies of the Church. They announce a hot dinner that will satisfy and appease all appetites, at the nominal price of 40¢.

The afternoon meeting will begin at 2:30 and a fine program has been arranged by the chairman, Mr. Clinton E. Weston. Among those who have promised to speak are Samuel I. Cooper, Edwin C. Perkins, Fred. K. Fowler, George S. Humphrey and others.

The program will be interspersed with music, hymns, anthems by the choir and we hope instrumental music.

To all our fellow citizens of Oxford we herewith extend a hearty invitation to be present and enjoy these meetings and greet old time friends and acquaintances.

Since last report, we have had requests for luncheon from Mrs. A.M. Weston (4), C.F. Cook (2), Miss Jane Creveling (3), George H. Dearborn (4), Mrs. Mary A. Docker and daughter Etta (4).

Mr. J.C. Pierson, of Watertown, Minnesota, has sent a dollar to have the Bulletin mailed to him regularly. The copies he has seen gave him great pleasure. We are gratified to add his name to our ever enlarging list of subscribers, and send him the greetings of the hundreds of his old friends in Oxford.

Its history began in the old stone Chapel, and it was used for Church, Sunday school, Singing school, and all meetings held in this building. In size and appearance it resembled a rectangular old-fashioned parlor table with bellows concealed under the top, and with key board and two small pedals resting on the floor.

It was the smallest creation of the sort I have ever seen. The young people of the Church knew it rather thoroughly, for when opportunity presented we took many liberties with it. After many years of service it was finally relegated to the rear of the Choir gallery in the Church. There was only one tone left in it, and this was produced by pressing the foot on one of its pedals intermittently. The result was a long continued "Whaaaaaaa," pitched at about lower F.

When the church was remodelled and the high and lofty old-fashioned "Jack-in-the-Pulpit" black walnut pulpit was replaced with the present one, it was vacation time. There were no summer schools or vacation camps in those days so we boys "just played" and frequently got into mischief. The repairs going on in the church greatly interested us. My brother Harry, George and Joe Henry; Sid Edwards; "Dock" Dearborn; Harry Docker; Henry Ward, etc., apparently made ourselves quite obnoxious to the workmen by continually sounding the one note of the Melodian, and we were finally driven from the building and ordered not to return, under pretty heavy threats from the workmen. This was interesting--held an element of danger and of course, we could not let it pass.

A plan was evolved to make the Melodian hum without our being in the building.

Having secured a screw-eye and some stout twine, Joe Henry and I were delegated to quietly steal--no, we called it "sneak"-- into the choir loft, put the screw-eye into the floor under the offending pedal, attach the end of the twine to the pedal, run it through the screw-eye, conceal the twine along the wall, and pass it out of the window. From this point the twine was passed on the outside and to the rear of the church to a window just over where the carpenters were working. With the "gang" located rather high up on the narrow ledge and

peering in through the cracks in the windows, the string was pulled and Whaaaaaaa sounded the old Melodian.

Now the door having been locked (we having quietly crawled through a window to connect up our cable), great was the consternation of the workmen at hearing the Melodian automatically burst into action. Yes, surprise and consternation were written upon their faces, and there were exclamations I will not quote.

They used appellations indicating that they were, or were going to be something which they were not.

Sig Clawson, the sexton, was delegated to act as sleuth. He quietly stole down the church aisle, under our greatly amused gaze, and up the gallery stairs. But not finding us, nor discovering our device, he proceeded up the belfry stairs, only to come back and report to the men that there was no one in the loft, and that the sound was the result of unexpelled air; it wouldn't happen again. So the men went back to their work. After a proper interval another pull--a prolonged one this time and Waaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa belches forth from our now highly prized antique.

Now there were fire and trouble in the eyes of these workmen. Dropping their tools en masse they rushed to front of the church, discovered our cord, and calling to each other, rushed out of window and door, and traced out our base of operation. No; we were not there, for we had tumbled and scrambled and actually fallen (some of us) off our perch; so eager were we to escape the wrath rapidly coming our way.

Our escapade was complete, for we witnessed the chagrin and defeat of these burly men from our safe retreat over the brook and behind the trees just to the rear of the church.

----- My mother upon reading this account informed me that I had never told her about it. No; that is true, for events of this sort were held in close confidence for obvious reasons, and were referred to only in our "underworld" conclaves.

Mr. Perkins does not give the date of the incident above related, and we can find no record about it, but assume it was sometime in the 1880s. In historical references dates are important, and we would like to know when this church alteration took place.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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