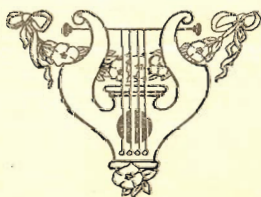


THE BULLETIN  
OF THE  
OXFORD SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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.

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

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The Morning hour of worship is given over to the Sunday School for the Annual Children's Day Exercises, for which their will a special program made.

Prayer

By John Milton

"The times and the seasons pass along under Thy feet, to come and to go at thy bidding, and as thou didst dignify our father's days with many revelations, above all their foregoing ages since thou tookest the flesh, so thou canst vouchsaf to us, though unworthy, as large a portion of thy spirit as thou pleasest, for who shall prejudice thy all-governing will, seeing the power of thy grace is not passed away with the primitive times, as fond and faithless men imagine, but thy kingdom is now at hand and thou standing at the door. Come forth out of thy chamber, O Prince of all the kings of the earth. Put on the robes of thy imperial majesty. Take up that unlimited scepter which thy almighty Father hath bequeathed thee, for now the voice of thy bride calls thee and all creatures sigh to be renewed."

The children of the Sunday School have the right of way in our Church this Sabbath day. They at least are happy, if others are not, and they by this fact are the best fitted to offer praise acceptable to Heaven, as Our Master has taught. Like birds they sing, because God made them so.

"I Heard the Children Singing  
And ever as they sang,  
Methought the voice of angels  
From Heaven in answer rang."

But we today should not forget little Lawrence Meyers, nine years old and one of our Sunday School boys, who has been quite sick in the hospital for many days, but is now much better and hopes to get home soon. We shall all pray God that it may be so—that he may get well and strong again.

Last Wednesday we found him bright and cheerful, though weak, and he talked of the good times he would have with his playmates when he got home.



## The Old Furnace

The Bulletin is able to report that an important step has been taken recently toward the preservation of the old furnace. Mr. Leonard Peckitt, president of the Warren Foundry and Pipe Corp., which owns the property, has given practical proof of his interest in the movement, as indicated by this extract from a letter to Mr. Humphrey:-

"At a meeting of the Warren Board here today, I explained the situation fully and the matter of deeding the furnace Site and the buildings on it to some Society, that would make the necessary repairs, and it was left to me with power.

"Will you, therefore, be kind enough to give the matter further consideration and let me know whether, in your opinion, it would be wise to deed the property in perpetuity to a committee of local citizens of the village, or perhaps better, to make the transfer to some Engineering or other Society that would be more likely to carry on.

Any way, with the matter now in my hands, I am ready to act and after looking over the ground, suggest that if a deed is finally to be made, it cover say, approximately 40 feet fronting the roadway with a depth of not over 300 feet.

"As you know, the Oxford property we own, is leased to the Allan Wood Steel Company and it will, of course, be necessary to get their approval before disposing of the small piece of ground in question, which, however, I think will not be difficult."

Mr. Humphrey, who forwarded the above letter writes to this effect:

"The matter of organization is a very one and of course your views are of prime importance. My present idea is to have a preliminary talk with Mr. Peckitt and then arrange for you to come to N.Y. and the three of us to go over the subject.

At present I rather lean toward an independent Society, composed of some Oxford people and a number of iron and steel men (like Dr. Stoughton) whom I think we can interest. Perhaps the most troublesome part will be raising the money, though I think that can be accomplished.

"I looked at the old furnace when at the reunion, and fear the repairs will cost more than I had at first estimated."

Mr. Loux, supt. of the Alan Wood Co. assures the writer that he thinks the company will willingly cooperate with us in this movement to preserve the furnace.

## History of the Old Mines

By Patrick Kempsey

A short time ago we wrote about the history of the Welsh Mine. We might tell something about the ghosts which, as many people claimed, made it their home.

But I had passed it thousands of times in daylight and the dark, yet I never saw anything resembling a ghost.

However we will not touch on the matter now as we have no town lights, and it might be a great strain on some of the nervous people who prowl around in the dark. But if we ever again get street lights we may revive some of the ghost stories, since with plenty of light we may have courage, in case we should meet some of them, to have a chat with them.

Now we will move 150 feet from the Welsh Mine to where we find a shaft 90 feet in depth, with Mr. Michael Hilbert as hoisting engineer and Thomas Cannon as underground foreman. This shaft belongs to the Baltas Milberger group. He was superintendent of three of these shafts which are now caved in. These were all of 160 feet across the top. At this shaft they had four large steam boilers and a link motion engine of the Todd and Rafferty builders of Patterson, N.J. It was a reversible type of a locomotive and was a wonder in those days. They first engineer was William Pool. At that time they introduced the wire rope or cable, but with the old type of engine they used hemp rope  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter, which required a very large drum. It was a common thing to see some of the young and active miners grasp the rope, wind it around one leg and slide to the bottom 125 feet.

The more timid rode the bucket or used the ladders. The head house or hoisting tower was a wonderful piece of work and was built by Joseph Matthews, a fine carpenter (who built the extension to the puddle mill, increasing the furnaces from 16 to 26, and also the Presbyterian Manse).

This shaft had a large verticle engine to operate the pump as in the Welsh mine only much larger. The great master gear wheel, 12 feet in diameter, when running light on the up stroke, the massive teeth made a dingling noise that could be heard in all parts of the town. But it was not hard on the nerves, as it was like music, and a pleasure to hear it.



School Census District No. 32, 1891

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Parent ----- Children

Nailers Row

John Thomas Tommy Thomas  
 Charles Weisburn Carrie  
 Fred Fowler Freddie  
 Henry C. Warner Alice-Kate-Maggie-  
 " " (Henry-Freddy-Georgie-Alfred  
 Thomas Barry (Thomas-Eddie- Katie- Mary  
 Martin Dempsey (Maggie- James- Sarah  
 Daniel Kane ( Annie-Katie-John-Daniel  
 Levi Thaw (Maggie ( James  
 Anthony Johnson (Gustave-- Betty  
 Wm. S. Rapp (Lillie--Willie  
 Peter S. Shafer ( Sarah--Ella B.

Mechanic Street

John Bush (Jennie--Elsworth--Lizzie  
 Thomas Nee ( Bridget-- Mamie  
 Wm. Matthews ( Mary M.  
 J. I. Kutsler (Lucy--Freddy--Raymond  
 John Reagen (John-Harry-Jennie-Dennis-Jul  
 Israel Heath (Annalena-- Elston  
 Casenine McConnell (Harrison  
 Gus Johnson (Rainer-Hilga-Edith-Freddie  
 Morgan Sweeny ( Annie  
 Mrs. Mary Sullivan ( Katherine--Vera  
 Lawrence Bremen (James-Mamie-Maggie-John

Bull Run

Henry Seiple ( Peter  
 John Breining ( John  
 Nicholas Breining (William--Frank  
 Nicholas Sheets (John--Nicholas-- Lizzie  
 Patrick McConville (Patsy-James-Mary-Magg  
 Henry Reese (George-Susan-Alice-Walter-Ka  
 Thomas Galphin (Annie  
 Mrs. Gus Amdt (Mary  
 Jabez Thomas (Francis-Thomas-John-Anna-Ma  
 Daniel Sliker (Harvey- Edward--John  
 Sofie Kilson (John  
 Otto Thensen (Ellen-Bertha-Nicholine-  
 Thomas Foley (David-Mary -- (Christina  
 David James (Elias-John-Agnes-William-He  
 Benj. Lewis (Jabez-Jennie-John-Caroline  
 James Mornick (Mary-James-Maggie-Willie  
 Joseph Kinney (Joseph-Philip-John-Levi-  
 Robert Burns (Annie-Mary-Kate--- (Charles  
 John Griffin (Peter-Willie-Maggie-John-  
 James Sullivan (Hannah Ryan (Minnie  
 James Dougherty (Mary-James-Bertie-Patsy

School Street

Jerry Oram (Sarah  
 Samuel Madison (Michal-Katie-Jerry  
 Wm. Hays (Annie  
 John Johnson (Mary-Lawrence-Nelson-John  
 John Duff (John-Michael- Lizzie  
 Mary Finnigan (Kate-Michael-Maggie-Rose  
 Mary Hinegan (James ---- (Joseph-Alice  
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