

**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.*

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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LADIES AID SOCIETY

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President—Emily Austie.

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Secretary—Helen Snyder.

CHOIR

Leader—Mrs. Edward T. Green.

Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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Morning Worship

Doxology and Invocation

Psalm 121

Hymn 17

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 248

Sermon

Hymn 214

Benediction

Prayer

"Once more a new day lies before us our Father. As we go out among men to do our work, touching the hands and lives of our fellows, make us, we pray thee, friends of all the world.

Save us from blighting the fresh flower of any heart by the flare of sudden anger or secret hate. May we not bruise the rightful respect of any by contempt or malice. Help us to cheer the suffering by our sympathy, to freshen the drooping by our hopefulness, and to strengthen in all a wholesome sense of worth and the joy of life. Grant that we may look all men in the face with the eyes of a brother, and may we rejoice that we have it in us to be helpful to our fellow-men. Amen."

The Sunday School picnic, last Thursday, was favored by perfect weather and proved a happy time for the children.

Butler's Park, above Changewater, on the Musconetcong river, is a delightful place for such occasions. Bathing and boating, ponies and merry-go-round etc., all in a beautiful grove, with abundance of accommodations for the comfort of all make it an attractive place for picnics.

The School is under obligations to Mrs. Jennie Nictel for the Bus, and to Mr. Skov for his truck, for the transportations of the members and friends of the school. Many families too, went over in their cars.

The officers, teachers and parents did all they could to give the children a good time, and were well repaid by their happiness.

Mr. E.W.Brigham, of Newton Center, Mass. in a letter to Mr. C.E.Weston, says:-

"Dear Clin.---I sure did get a 'good kick' out of that gathering which was a great success. You surely deserve a lot of credit for getting people together and for carrying the afternoon session along as you did. Some of those people that I have not seen for fifty years, still, were, in a way, familiar to me. The old town looked familiar in many ways.

Of course, from a business stand point there is not much doing, but from a scenic standpoint it is much more attractive than it used to be with the furnace and mills going full blast as when we were youngsters....

Mrs. Carrie Weston Kingman, a former member of this Church died in Burlington, N.J., June 10th,

Mrs. Kingman was a daughter of the late Charles B.Weston, who was Sup't of the Nail Mill for 25 years, and the late Carolyn Weston. She was born in Taunton, Mass. and came from old New England Stock, being a direct descendant of Edmund Weston who landed from Entland at Duxbury in 1635, and whose forebears were related to Myles Standish.

On her grandmother's side, who was a White, she was a direct descendant of Peregrine White, said to have been the first white child born in America.

She married Nathan O.Kingman, whose obituary appeared in the Bulletin some time ago. Mr.Kingman was at one time a Sunday School teacher here.

Mrs. Kingman had been for some years a semi-invalid, but her optimism gave her a cheerful outlook on life that had an influence among her friends who will greatly miss her.

We have Mr. C.E.Weston to thank for the above very interesting items, and take occasion to express the hope that others of our readers will send us news items respecting former Oxford citizens.

The Editor had the privilege the past week to visit with Dr.G.W.Cummings, of Belvidere, to talk over historical matters connected with our old furnace, as he has long been an authority on the history of Warren Co, and is interested in our work.

Mr. Frank B.Warner, of Niagara Falls, N.Y has sent us a fine genealogical table of the Shippen family of which he is a descendant. The members of this family connected with the history of Oxford Furnace are of prime importance at this time; for they owned the furnace over a long and critical period of our national history, and a false tradition has misrepresented the part they took in those events. The facts here set forth must settle the disputed question for all time.

We shall quote here only the record of the owners of the furnace, Dr. William Shippen and his sons, Dr. William Jr., and Joseph.

"Dr.William Shippen, Sr.--born October 1, 1712, in Philadelphia. Died November 4, 1801. He married Susannah Harrison... on Sept. 19, 1735, in Phila. Pa.

He was one of the first physicians of Pennsylvania Hospital, one of the founders of the Second Presbyterian Church (Phila). of which he was a member sixty years. Was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society in 1767. Later he was its vice-president. He had been a member of Franklin's 'Junto'. He was elected by the Pennsylvania Assembly to the Continental Congress, on November 20 1778, and re-elected Nov. 13, 1779.

The medical directories of the profession state how friendly Dr. Shippen was to everybody in and around Philadelphia. He was liked by everybody and was known for his charitable work among the poor.

"He did not use profanity, liquor or tobacco. His health was excellent. On the coldest days in winter he was known to ride out into the country making calls without an overcoat. This was on horse back."

His oldest son was, "Dr.William Shippen, Jr.--born October 21, 1736. He was graduated at the College of New Jersey (Princeton) in 1754 as valedictorian of his class, delivering a Latin oration. He studied medicine with his father until 1758 and then went to England and pursued his studies there.

Took his degree of M.D. at the University of Edinburgh in 1761, returning to Philadelphia in May, 1762. Upon advice of his

father commenced course of lectures on anatomy, which were the first ever delivered in America. These he continued until appointed, September 23, 1765, Professor of Anatomy and Surgery of the Medical Department of the College of Philadelphia which was founded by him. (over)

(Dr. William Shippen Jr. continued)

In the Revolutionary War, "He was appointed, on July 15, 1776, Chief Physician of the 'Flying Camp' and in March, 1777, he laid before Congress a plan for organizing the Hospital Department for the Army, which with slight modifications, was adopted.

'He was appointed, on April 11, 1777, 'Director General' of all the Military Hospitals for the Army.

"Upon the re-organization of the College of Philadelphia as the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, he was elected, on May 11, 1780, Professor of Anatomy, Surgery and Midwifery, which he held until his resignation in 1806.

'Dr. Shippen Jr. was also an originator of the Philadelphia College of Physicians in 1787 and its President from 1805 to his death on July 11, 1808.

The second son of Dr. William Shippen, Sr. was, Joseph W. Shippen, who lived in the Manor House in Oxford for over fifty years.

He was born October 17, 1737, in Phila. Pa., and died in Oxford, N. J. Sept. 13, 1795.

He married Martha Axford, in Oxford Furnace, (1774), and there were 9 children. The oldest son of Joseph W. Shippen was William I. Shippen, born 1777, and married Margaret Taylor, there were nine children.

"William I. Shippen and family migrated to what is now a part of Niagara and Orleans Counties, in the eighteen twenties and settled on land purchased from the Holland Land Co.

John Shippen, son of William I. Shippen born 1805, married Caroline Cole in Oxford Furnace, in 1819.

Alice C. Shippen (1850-1911) was the daughter of John, and married James R. Warner, the father of our correspondent.

We are much interested, and surprised in the fact that the Shippen owners of the Old Furnace were in religion not Quakers, as tradition has it, but active Presbyterians. This is shown in the Genealogical record by the fact that Edward Shippen, grandfather of Dr. William Shippen, came from England to Phila. Pa., but went to Boston, and became a member of the ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. and in Boston married Elizabeth Brand, and their son Joseph was born in Boston, and was married there to Abigail Gross. This perhaps accounts for the fact that their son Dr. Wm. Shippen Sr., was a founder and life-long member of the Presbyterian Church in Phila. Pa.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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