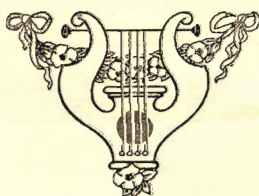


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THE BULLETIN
OF THE
OXFORD SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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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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 95 sel. 29.
Hymn 63
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 167
Sermon
Hymn 149
Benediction

Prayer

"Almighty God, who alone canst order unruly wills of men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou dost command, and desire what thou dost promise; that so, in the changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

The regular business meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the Chapel. It will be an important session and all the ladies who can possibly be present will plan to attend.

The annual Chicken-Waffle Supper will have to be arranged for and a large attendance will help greatly to make it a success.

Church services were held throughout August with gratifying results.

The unusual feature was the presence of visitors on each Sabbath, some from Oxford and others from out of town.

On three Sabbaths we were honored by the presence of ministers of the Gospel from neighboring towns.

A new steam heater must be installed in the church before cold weather arrives, and the collection of funds to pay for it will be pushed immediately.

The treasurer has already on hands \$45. and a S.S. Class has half as much more, so that a good start has been made.

The congregation and friends will be solicited donations to the fund. The officers of the church have charge of it. Send offerings to the Treasurer.

The Lukens' Band Again

Mr. Weber will be interested to know that Mr. Hornbaker also has a copy of the photograph of the Lukens' band, which he wrote about in a recent issue.

In showing it to the Editor, Mr. Hornbaker told a good story of an incident that occurred in Trenton, about forty years ago. It grew out of the fact that the players did not wear uniforms, but only their ordinary clothes. However they each wore a stiff white hat of a similar style.

The occasion was a big Masonic event in Trenton whither came delegates from all over the state and even from N.Y. City and Philadelphia, bringing with them bands to furnish music for the proper celebration of the festivities.

When it was all over the Lukens band started to walk to the R.R. Station, about half a mile away. But the crowd was so dense that they were compelled to walk in the middle of the street. They were not keeping good order, but stepping carelessly to the tap of a drum.

When they got in front of the principle hotel a lot of finely uniformed band men standing on the out-side balcony of the second floor, began to hoot at them, using the terms then current for "guying".

Mr. Lukens replied to this insult by suddenly halting his men in front of the hotel, formed them into a circle and gave them a music No. to play--a fine classical piece--and as they played the crowd became quiet, and surprised at the fine rendering of the music they all broke into applause at its conclusion. They demanded another piece, but Mr. Lukens had his band play their marching piece at a certain place in the middle of which they were trained to start off in marching order and move away toward the Station.

This evoked still greater applause from the multitude that surrounded, which called for still more music, but their request was denied. The Oxford band had thus won a triumph inspite of not having uniforms like the other bands. It was a great tribute to the fine training the band received under their leader Mr. E.T. Lukens. Mr. Hornbaker said it was not unusual for the band in practice to spend two hours on a single piece, to get it as nearly perfect as possible.

Since they used only the finest band music available, having the latest and best instruments, the band was a notable one.

We have received a letter from Mr. Frank B. Warner Sr. of Niagara Falls, saying: "I have been expecting to hear from my mother's cousin's granddaughter about the old news paper clipping which a Maurice Crisman wrote about the furnace many years ago.

"I am sending you a photostat copy of the Shippen Crest or coat of arms. I procured this from the Pennsylvania Historical Society, in Phila. Pa. I do not know what the colors are, but hope to learn when I write to the society."

It should be stated that the Shippen family in England was aristocratic, and one of them was a Baron, and member of the House of Lords. The photograph shows a crest of a dove with olive branch on the helmet, and on the shield is a chevron with three oak leaves. We are glad to get this copy, and it will be preserved.

Mr. Warner continues, "The only articles which I possess as a link with the Shippens when they owned the property and my line lived in your locality, are four hand-made silver tea spoons.

"These were a part of Margaret Taylor's wedding silver. The handles are engraved on the upper side 'M T' and on the reverse side '1801'. She married William I. Shippen" son of Joseph Shippen who resided in the manor house.

Joseph Shippen married Martha Axford who was born and raised in Oxford, and we wonder if Margaret Taylor was also of a local family. Also a son of William I. Shippen married a Caroline Cole, in Oxford. If any one can give information respecting the families Taylor and Cole we would be pleased to learn it.

Elder Abram Pittenger has gone to visit with his son W.C. Pittenger who lives in Joliet, Illinois. He expects to return in about two months.

The Bulletin acknowledges postage money from Miss Mary Odsted, of Oxford, and are glad to have her name on our regular mailing list for next year.

Also money for mailing to Mrs. Edith C. Zapp, of Trenton, N.J., and from Clinton E. Weston of S. Orange, N.J.

The public interest in the Bulletin seems to grow steadily, which is taken as a mark of approval. Letters and articles from all our readers are solicited.

The Clark Mine
By Patrick Kempsey

In my last letter on the opening of the Harris mine, I said that as far as I could recall, I was the only man living who helped in that work, but on further thought I find that there is one other man, William Smith, now of Dover, N.J. who tended the pump with me.

After working the Harris shaft a few years, they sank a slope shaft on the opposite side of the road. This proved a difficult task, as it went down through the caved-in part of the Harris tunnel.

The hoisting engineer was Mr. Laros Pearson, who died many years ago.

They still maintained the boiler plant at the old stand to furnish steam for hoisting the ore and to pump the water from the Harris shaft. This new slope was where the buildings were dismantled a year ago. They were used for the machine, black smith and repair shops.

Under the receivership of B.G. Clark they sank another vertical shaft farther up and it was named the Clark shaft.

My friend Smith and I moved up there when they got a boiler to make steam for the water pump; I was fireman and Smith pump tender. Charles Kowitskey, now living in Jonestown, worked there also, but I know of no others, however if there are I would be glad to hear from them.

There is still a lot more history to be told about the mines in and around our town, but I am fearful that our readers may tire of it.

So we will have to turn our attention to something like giving a description of the great iron plant we at one time had in Oxford.

I will conclude this paper by saying that all my experience that I had around the mines as a boy I got under Mr. Henry Repp.

Mr. Henry Repp mentioned above was the father of Mrs. Wm. Hornbaker, who tells us that when the Scrantons moved from Oxford to Scranton, Pa. in 1845 to develop the iron and coal business there, they took Henry Repp with them as an expert miner and that Mrs. Hornbaker was born there.

But S.T. Scranton in 1858 returned to Oxford and formed the new Iron Company, and Mr. Repp returned with him and had charge of the mining here for years, as indicated in the articles by Mr. Kempsey.

Mr. Repp deserves a high place in the history of Oxford.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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