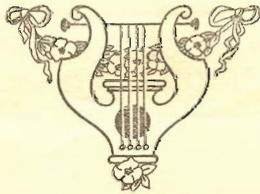


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THE BULLETIN
OF THE
OXFORD SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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.

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Morning Worship

Doxology and Invocation

Psalm 119 sel. 47

Hymn 26

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 126

Sermon

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 239

General Confession (see below)

The Communion

Hymn 57

Benediction

General Confession for those minded
to receive the Holy Communion.

"Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dr. Tunison is expected to return home from the hospital next Tuesday.

He is slowly recovering from the operation, which was successful, and we trust he will fully regain his health and strength.

Rev. C. R. Hamlin, Presbyterian Pastor at Hampton, is at the Easton Hospital and was operated upon last Wednesday. He is doing well, and we pray for his speedy recovery.

The Youth of the Aged

By Louis F. Post

(To my mother, on her eightieth birthday, May 19, 1905, celebrated by her children and grandchildren at Oxford, N. J.)

Across your hills of joy and laughter,
And through your vales of gloom and tears,
You've journeyed on life's mountain pathway
Up to its crest of eighty years.

Now from that height, so far above us,
You see the rising of the sun;
While we grope in the twilight shadows,
With you the morning has begun.

They say you're old, but I dispute it,
'Tis youth, not age, that comes to those
Of love unselfish. Daily nourished,
With added years this richer grows.

Our bodies weaken with the aging;
Not so the spirit-life they hold,
Unselfish love makes youth perennial
In hearts we say are growing old.

And when our worn-out bodies free us
To be ourselves in very truth,
May we not find that we're endowed with
The splendors of eternal youth?

So, Mother, while your age I rev'rence,
And think of that with smiles and tears,
The thought of you I cherish most, is—
Your flowering youth of eighty years.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis B. Hoagland were living in the W. H. Scranton mansion above the Fowler house, at the time of this celebration of the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Post, mother of Mrs. Hoagland and Mr. L. F. Post, author of the above poem. At the time, Mrs. Post made her home with the Hoaglands. A picture of her shows a woman of fine character and strong intelligence. Mr. Louis F. Post died about two years ago, and was a man of national reputation as a political economist and a close friend of the noted Henry George.

Among our readers there very many noble mothers of eighty and even ninety years of age whose children adore them; and the poem gives expression of beautiful sentiments applicable to them all.

Chicken-Waffle Supper

This annual occasion of our church was held last Thursday evening, and not for several years with so much success.

The weather was favorable, and people came from long distances, and many from all the surrounding towns in the county.

Most of them were former citizens of Oxford, for whom it was in the nature of a home-coming and reunion of old friends.

The ladies of the church had prepared a bountiful supply of good food, and it was cooked and served in their well known excellent manner.

The patronage was unexpectedly large; the tables were filled continuously from 5 P.M. to nearly eight o'clock. And there were many expressions of satisfaction for the supper. One hundred and fifty meals were served.

The generous patronage of local citizens was much appreciated by the Ladies, and they extend their thanks to all of them.

A report of the financial receipts will be given in the next issue.

Some of those present from a distance are here given, but we failed to get all of them.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Cummings, of Belvidere.
Rev. C. S. Shafer and wife of Fineville.
Clinton E. Weston and mother.
Mrs. Mildred Tunison.
Fred. K. Fowler and wife, with seven young ladies of Mrs. Fowler's S. S. Class.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford.
Mrs. Alice Hunt, Mrs. Phebe Repp and daughter Margaret from Rockaway.
Mr. Dorsey Gordon of Phillipsburg.
Levi V. Mather, of Belvidere
Clayton Wilover of Phillipsburg.
George A. Walters of Phillipsburg.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mergner of Irvington.
Hal. Pierson and wife, of Newark.
Elmer Knorr of S. Orange.
F. E. Dreisbach, of Phillipsburg.
Oliver Hubbard of Teaneck.
Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Shoemaker, of Pineville.
G. I. Simonson of Belvidere.
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rex.

Michael G. Cannon, father of Mrs. Stanley Allen, died at the latter's home, last Wednesday evening. He was 86 and has long lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Old Fire-back, 1764.

In an interesting letter just received from Mr. George S. Humphrey, he tells of an important discovery, saying: -

"I had occasion to go to Philadelphia last week and took the opportunity to call at the building and museum of the Pennsylvania Historical Society where I asked to see the 'fire-backs' which were sent there from Oxford 30 or 40 years ago. They were not on exhibition and no one seemed to know anything about them; but they gave me an attendant and after a long search we found one in a dark corner in the basement, and with the aid of a 'search light' were able to read the inscription 'Oxford--1764.' If we get the museum going at Oxford, I have an idea that we can have the plate returned to us."

Mr. Humphrey is working on the furnace plan, and says, "I still have hopes, and may have something interesting to communicate before long."

The first piano in Warren County.

Dr. G. W. Cummings, in his History of Warren County, states that the first piano mentioned in the county was played by Mrs. Roberdeau, in the Shippen mansion, at Oxford, in 1804." His authority for the fact is the following statement in the Journal of Wm. Johnson, for February 1804;--

"In the afternoon Mrs. Roberdeau accompanied by Major Roberdeau with a German flute, played on the pianoforte and added her vocal powers thereto."

This is another historical credit to be ascribed to Oxford.

Curious too is the fact that an old piano stored in the attic of this Manse, which is said to have been the first piano in Scranton, Pa. Mrs. Mary Lakens last used it, and we understand she received it from her ancestors who once lived at Scranton. Another old tie between Oxford and Scranton.

It is likely that the Historical Society of Scranton would like to get hold of it, should the fact become known to them.

EDWARD T. GREEN

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