

**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.

CHURCH OFFICERS

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

Trustees—Harry Miller, James Radel, George Docker, Jr., Charles Renner, Fred K. Sarson, Lewis E. Green, Edward Sharps, Charles Dux, Benjamin Green.

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Superintendent—E. B. Foss.

Asst. Superintendent—Mrs. Edward T. Green.

Treasurer—Miss Ida Smith.

Secretary—Alvin Renner.

Organist—Elizabeth Zapp.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Honorary President—Mrs. Charles Renner.

President—Mrs. Benjamin Green.

Secretary—Mrs. Clark Wilkinson.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lewis E. Green.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

President—Emily Austie.

Treasurer—Chris Seiple.

Secretary—Helen Snyder.

CHOIR

Leader—Mrs. Edward T. Green.

Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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(Hereafter the order of Morning worship will be given only on special occasions, as the usual order is very familiar to the congregation).

Prayer

"O Lord, Thou art our God; we will exhalt thee, we will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things.

By the stars of heaven thou hast spoken; and in the heart of man thy voice is heard. Through thy Word thou hast given light; and in thy Son the brightness of thy glory is revealed.

Lift up our hearts unto thee, O God, and receive our adoration; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Lloyd George, England's great statesman, recently said that "The world to-day is a jungle. The nations are prowling through it, snarling and baring their teeth at each other... When the chariot of humanity gets stuck, as it has done now, nothing will lift it out except great preaching that goes to the mind and heart.. There is nothing that will save the world but what was once called 'the foolishness of preaching'.. If the churches fail I do not know what is going to happen."

We have not yet received the official report of the Ladies Aid, on the financial result of the recent Supper, but it is said that the net proceeds will be about \$100.

Quilting at Chapel next Wed.

" All the ladies who quilt are invited to meet at the Chapel on Wednesday, 24th. This will be an all day meeting. Bring a lap lunch. Hot drinks will be served."

Mrs. Luther Godschalk and daughter passed through Oxford last Saturday a week, and left \$2.00 for the Bulletin, which she says she enjoys greatly.

The Church has its new steam boiler at last. It was installed ten days ago and appears to be what is needed. The capacity is 20% greater than the old heater.

Most of the money to pay for it has been raised, but not all, and there are many who have not contributed yet will doubtless do so. It has been the policy to solicit donations from men only, and yet a number of the best contributions have been voluntarily given by our good women; and they deserve the greater praise. We hope to finish the canvass for donations this coming week. Those who have not yet given will confer a favor by doing so without being asked.

All money has been turned over to the treasurer L. L. Green so that a record will be kept for the church.

The following donations have been made to date, and this will serve for an acknowledgement.

\$25.00 The Sunday School
10.00 Mrs. Edmund Oram; Mrs Edward Smith;
5.00

Charles Renner; E. B. Foss; O. E. Weston;
Fred. K. Fowler; Fred. K. Sarson; A friend;
Miss Rosalie Sarson; Harry Miller;
Mrs. Delmar Green; J. R. Bryant;
W. A. Cattelle; Frank Koehn; James Odsted;
James Radel; George S. Humphrey.

\$ 3.00-- Mrs Jennie Nictel; Charles Skov;
George Docker Jr.:

\$ 2.50-- John Meeker.

\$2.00--

Charles Ford; James LaRue; C. W. Force;
Mrs. Pyne; Abram Pittenger; Geo. Docker Sn.
R. Dillman; Anton Peterson.

\$1.00

R. Holley; M. A. Pierson; James Jensen;
Wash. Hardware Co., Dr. Robert Zulauf;
Charles Carson; Cohen and sons; O. Fleigauf;
A. G. Kinehart; C. Wilkinson; Margaret Baylor;
Marie Linnemann; G. R. Searing; Nathan Curl;
Wm. Hornbaker; Harry Christine; Tony Basko
Mrs. Peter Peterson; Mrs. Alice Hunt;
Mr. Hertz; Mr. Steinhart; George Haycock;
C. Carrup; Carl Loux; Edward Sharp.
Dr. Reuther;

A letter received from the Hon. George Keim, Chairman of the state Commission on Historic sites, says, "I shall be very glad to discuss the matter of the old Oxford furnace with the Commission, and will advise you in due course of their decision."

Mr. Scranton died Nov. 23rd. 1891, and the extent of his fame is indicated by two editorials, in the Easton Express and in the Scranton Republican which are given herewith. Mrs. Wm. Hornbaker has preserved this clipping for 43 years. It was taken from an Easton paper.

"The funeral service of the late Selden T. Scranton took place, as was stated last week, on Friday. The church was crowded with people, many of whom had known Mr. Scranton in the days of his vigor, and many of whom had occasion to remember with gratitude his kindness in years gone by.

"A number of prominent and well-known business men, old friends of Mr. Scranton, were present. But the majority of the vast number who had associated with and had been on terms of intimacy with him during the fifty years of his business career, had passed beyond the Veil of time.

"Two generations have come on the scene of action since Selden T. Scranton, with the hope, enthusiasm and enterprise for which the sons of New England are famous, left his parental home sixty years ago and came to this part of the country to seek his fortune." The Editorial in the Scranton Republican follows:-

"It was fifty-one years ago in August last that Selden T. Scranton became interested in this town, then a hamlet of only seven souls. In the early days of our great enterprises he was conspicuous, a leading spirit, and although he has not been a resident of the city he helped to found, for many years, he never ceased to watch its progress and growth and prosperity with the liveliest interest.

"Local current literature has never done justice fully to Selden T. Scranton, nor accorded him deserved prominence. His advent to Pennsylvania was contemporaneous with that of his brother George W. Scranton, their interests being at that time, as during their lives joint and indivisible. Their cousin Joseph H. Scranton, joined fortunes with them soon after a foothold was gained for their life work. Col. G. W. Scranton was the first of the trio to break down in health, and while in forced retirement from business was brought into public prominence by his election to Congress. To advance the political prospects of his party, the achievements of the

Scrantons were concentrated in the public prints upon Col. Scranton's candidacy.

" Thus Col. Scranton's name has been engrafted in local history as the founder of Scranton. We intend no reflection upon Col. Scranton, who was a great and good man par-excellence, one of nature's noblemen.

"But if any honor is urged for either of the three original Scrantons as the founder of the city by virtue of mere priority of arrival here, it belongs equally to Selden and George. In fact Selden may have been the leader in pointing out the promise land, for it was first of all occupied by his father-in-law, William Henry, whom the Scrantons succeeded.

"At the open grave of our beloved friend we cannot refrain from doing his memory full justice by this correction of history and modern public sentiment.

"Selden T. Scranton was a thoroughly good man always. He was a business man of high character, his only fault being a man of a too sanguine disposition. He was a thoroughly inquisitive Yankee, a genial, companionable person, fond of young society in which he was ever a favorite. He never had any children and his heart went out in great tenderness to his nephews, nieces and cousins by all of whom he was greatly beloved."

Naturally in the above appreciations of Mr. Scranton, nothing is said of his religious zeal and work, in the church and in all reform movements. We wish some of our readers would write up this side of his character for the Bulletin. There several capable of doing this service.

We are informed by Mrs. Samuel Snyder that her grandfather William Shafer lived with his family in a part of the Fowler house, when in 1858 Mr. S. T. Scranton and wife returned to Oxford from Scranton, Pa., and they occupied the rest of the house. Also that her mother, when Miss Mary Robbins, attended Sunday School in the old stone Chapel, and Mrs. S. T. Scranton was her teacher, and Mr. S. T. Scranton was the Supt. In the 1860s Mr. Scranton came to Oxford, and we know from an old book that he collected money for a Sunday School library. But where did the Sunday School meet? That was before the Stone Chapel was built (1848).

EDWARD T. GREEN

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