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**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.

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

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

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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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Oxford, N. J.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand....Matt.3:1-2

"Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility: that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen."

Next Sabbath, the 23rd, will be kept as Christmas Sunday.  
At the morning hour of worship, there will be appropriate music by the Choir and the whole service will observe the spirit of the season.

In the evening the Sunday School will have its Christmas exercises. The children will recite and give a short play. There will be tree and Santa Claus, with his treat for the children. The newly organized Young People's choir will lead the singing.

Last Sabbath many members of the Masonic order worshipped with us. We were glad to have them, hope they will come again in the near future.

The Treasurer of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. Lewis E. Green, supplies us with the following financial report of the Fair and Supper held in the Chapel on the 7th.

Total receipts	\$ 156.79
Expenses	37.20
Net proceeds	119.59

**Prize Contest**

Irene Mehawk	\$ 42.05
Ruth Snyder	29.35
Total	71.40

When Old Friends Pass

An Old Picture of the Furnace

Some how the sky shows less of blue,  
And shadows of a darker hue  
Creep in, and softly take the place  
Once held by some familiar face;  
When old friends pass.

Blinded by faults, our own perchance,  
Their virtues we looked on askance;  
We close our eyes and memory brings  
A picture clear of better things;  
When old friends pass.

Their little faults we see as dross  
That hid the gold. And on the cross  
Of sorrow then we crucify  
Our lack of faith in those gone by;  
When old friends pass.

And if perchance we gave our part  
Of friendship's balm for troubled heart,  
That brings a tinge of joy; and yet,  
Outweighing joy, is our regret;  
When old friends pass.

-----By George S. Dufford

Mr. Dufford adds this note:

"To Mrs. G.O. Tunison; Just a little  
tribute to my old friend Dr. G.O. Tunison.

Mr. Dufford lives in Plainfield, N.J.  
and is a well known poet, having  
published several books of poems.

The Bulletin has formerly had the  
privilege of printing his original poems.

Mr. Weston remains unconvinced as this  
note shows:-

" 'Pun' my word, I got a great kick out  
of the snappy come-back of friend George  
Humphrey, especially as it came so  
unexpectedly. I still believe, however,  
he has some tradition relating to the  
subject carefully tucked away in his  
capacious warehouse of memory that will  
eventually find its way to print and  
thus to a receptive audience.

The description given by Mr. Yount  
in the last issue of the Bulletin seems  
to have settled the matter for the  
moment, so I can say 'No More'"

Miss Eva A. Bumiller sends postage for  
the Bulletin, saying: "Each issue is a  
source of great interest and is looked  
forward to with much pleasure."

In a letter to the Editor Mr. George S.  
Humphrey writes:--

"Some years before I came to Oxford to  
live (in 1875), Miss Walters, a friend of  
Miss Ellen Scranton (later Mrs. Belden) made  
frequent visits there, in the early '70s  
or late '60s.

Miss Walters was an artist of ability  
and during her visits made a number of  
paintings of scenery in Warren County.

Among them is a painting of the Old  
Furnace, which is now in the possession of  
Dr. Mary M. Belden of Elmira, N.Y.

At my request she has had a photographic  
copy made of the picture, which I am send-  
ing you in this mail and which I think  
you will find to be an interesting addition  
to the collection of Oxford views.

It is evident that not long before my  
arrival in Oxford, when the furnace appeared  
as shown in a later view which you have,  
some repairs were made; but at what date  
I have no knowledge. I have an idea that  
my old friend 'Pat' Kempsey may remember  
something about it and can give us the  
information.

It is interesting to notice (in the  
picture) that the old sycamore or button  
wood tree, standing near the old cast house  
appeared very much 70 years ago as it  
does now."

The picture referred to above is a  
real treasure trove, as it is so far as  
we know such the oldest view of the old  
furnace we possess. Hitherto all the  
pictures were made in the 1880s or later.  
The picture does not show the furnace  
itself, for it is a front view making the  
boiler house the main object of the paint-  
ing. It shows that a stair running from  
the front door of the boiler house round  
the north east corner and up the north side  
to the second story. The stairway on the  
north side has a roof, evidently to shed  
the water from the eave overhead. We will  
show the picture to Mr. Kempsey to refresh-  
en his memory. Another odd feature shown  
by the picture is that it had been long  
before plastered in front (The boiler house)  
and about half of it had peeled off. The  
yard in front is cluttered with debris,  
rocks, boards, an old cart, etc.

Also the upper story appears in the  
painting as constructed of stone, instead  
of brick as now. Was that due to the artist?

Mrs. Sarah A. Lukens

Mrs. Lukens, who died on Tuesday morning May 3rd, 1897, at the home of her son, Mr. Edmund T. Lukens, of Oxford, N. J., was the daughter of David and Margaret Gordon of Hamilton Square, near Trenton. She was born December 7th, 1806, and had passed the four-score mark last Fall, at which time there was a notable gathering at her home in honor of the event.

Miss Gordon was married in Trenton, May 2nd 1827, to Mr. Seth Lukens, in the house where Washington breakfasted at the battle of Trenton. Mr. Lukens was one of the first mechanics of his time, and was largely identified with the construction of mills and machinery at Trenton, Belvidere, Scranton, Virginia, and at Oxford, N. J., where he died, October 24th, 1869.

Mrs. Lukens was one of the large group of young ladies who met Gen. Lafayette at the crossing of the Delaware, to welcome him into New Jersey, in 1824 (when he was on his trip from the National Capital to New England) spreading flowers in his pathway. She may possibly have been nearly the last survivor of that party.

But while these incidents are all interesting in one's life, Mrs. Lukens herself will be longest remembered by hosts of acquaintances for her kindness to the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted in their hours of discomfort and distress, and her Christian charity.

Her death was calm and peaceful, in a strong faith of reaching the 'Better Land'

Her last words were to her children gathered round the bed-side. They were:

'Love one another.' "

The funeral was held in the new Chapel at one o'clock, Friday, P.M.

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The above Obituary taken from a newspaper clipping, published at the time, was sent to the Bulletin by Mrs. William Dawes of Oxford; our readers will thank her for doing so.  
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Received on church furnace fund since last report;

Mrs. Harriet L. Perkins	\$ 2.00
A Friend	2.00
Mrs. Courtright's	
Sunday School Class	1.33

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