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*Therefore every scribe who is instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like an householder who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matthew 13:52.*



Motto Text

I shall not die but live and  
declare the works of the Lord.

Psalm 118:17

"Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection and life everlasting. Amen.

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To-day is Palm-Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week with its climax of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There is no period so full of meaning in all the round year or in the ages of human life.

One third of the Gospel records is devoted to this single week.

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The Morning service next Sabbath will consist to special music by the Choir, a short sermon and the administration of the Lord's Supper. It will be helpful if everyone would give thought and prayer during this week, a little at least every day.

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The Young People will have charge of the evening service at 7:30.

They will have considerable of music, a playlet, remarks by pastor.

Public invited cordially.

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The Ladies S.S. Class will give a Salmagundi Party in the Chapel on the 25th, one week from next Thursday.

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The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Knapp will be held at 2. P.M. this day, 14th. in the home on Tunnel hill road.

Mrs. Knapp (nee Hartman) was in advanced age, and for many years has been afflicted in body, and for three months past a helpless invalid. She had been a widow for near thirty years. Her surviving children are Mrs. Clara Nunn; William of Belleville, N.J.; and Robert Knapp of E. Orange. She was a member of the German Reformed Church.



Reunion May 19th.  
The afternoon meeting

It will please our readers to know that Mr. C.E. Weston will have charge of the afternoon program again this year. He has been good enough to consent to undertake it, as he writes, "For the sake of old friends, old times and the good of the order." He has one new plan;--

"I am going to try and get more women to take part this year." That will meet with general satisfaction, and we hope he will succeed and receive all the cooperation necessary on the part of the women.

He also suggests that all former residents who may be unable to attend, to send a letter to be read at the meeting.

As Chairman he "will be glad to receive any suggestions from any of the members."

Mr. Jesse Seiple of Boston, Mass. sends a very kind letter saying;--

"We have been receiving the Bulletin regularly each week and are deeply appreciative for all the good reading, particularly about Oxford of yesterday; all of which we find intensely interesting.

"Being isolated as it were and not being able to pay more than two visits to Oxford a year, the Bulletin is eagerly looked for, as for a letter from home. We hope, God willing, to receive it for a long time to come. We wish to congratulate you on the success achieved by the paper, and for its fine historical data. We trust you will be able to continue it by receiving the necessary financial aid. Enclosed are two dollars for the Fund.

Our friend Mr. Frank B. Warner, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who is a descendant of the Shippen and Axford families, writes of various matters, and remarks;--

"I hope some day to visit Oxford and see the furnace, manor, etc.

"Last Thursday night the daughter of one of my cousins from Middleport, drove up to see us. She is a graduate of Syracuse University and goes to New York City frequently. We were talking about how nice it would be if we could all have the pleasure of meeting you and the others interested, and see the property. She said that if she should drive her car to New York some time, that she would go by way of Oxford and stop and introduce herself"

We hope these plans may be carried out. They would be heartily welcomed.

Mr. Cline's Preaching  
A letter from Mr. Humphrey

"I was glad to read in the Bulletin that a date has been set for the annual Reunion which I certainly expect to attend. The inroads on my old circle of friends are becoming pretty severe--two recently, Fred Fowler and George Searing; but many are left, and it is a great pleasure to meet the new generation and to realize that the traditions of the old Church and the Community have not been altogether forgotten.

These yearly gatherings, in addition to being so delightful in themselves, serve a great purpose in uniting the friends of the Church and cementing the interest in its welfare.....

I was much interested in Mrs. Loder's letter in a recent Bulletin and in reading "Jim's" remarks at a service of the "Young People's Meeting." It is a reflection of Mr. Cline's preaching which made a profound impression on us "Young folks" and instilled the fundamental doctrines of the Church into our minds and hearts at an impressionable age. While he may have somewhat exaggerated the dangers of "hell fire and damnation" he put into us a wholesome fear of an "angry God" which has served us well ever since.

I some times think that there isn't quite enough of that sort of preaching and teaching these days. We used to get it, not only in Church but also in Sunday School and at home. Mr. Cline's preaching and the Shorter Catechism were pretty stiff diet, but they created strong personalities! And I must say also that occasionally at any rate, God's loving-kindness and mercy were placed before us!

I trust that Mrs. Loder may dig up some more of Jim's productions; they weren't all quite so serious nor doctrinal as the one just published; he was a rare soul!

While we were printing the above letter of Mr. Humphrey, a letter came from Mrs. Loder, containing a poem by Dr. Loder, composed some years ago.

She adds this interesting note,--

"In your Bulletin of March 31st, mention is made in an article by Mr. Clinton E. Weston of a 'walking Track.'

This brings to mind the fact that both George Humphrey and Jim Loder were always great walkers. I will send shortly an account of some walks they took, written by Dr. Loder in 1878. You will be both interested and amused.



The Origin of the Pittenger  
family in America.

Elder Abram Pittenger has placed in our hands a letter from his son Ben, who is in the Patent Office in Wash.D.C. He has been looking up Pittenger family pedigree and we are glad to print an interesting passage from the letter.

"I Found that the Richard Pittenger, the first one to come to America, came over in July 1665 on the Ship "Philip".

Richard Pittenger was a servant of Philip Carteret who came on this ship. Carteret was the first English Governor of New Jersey. Richard Pittenger was a witness to the marriage of the sister of the Governor in 1671. They landed at Elizabeth N.J. Governor Carteret gave Richard Pittenger 50 acres of land.

"The Pittengers were English Puritans, and first went from England to Holland to escape persecution and death in England. They lived for one or two generations in Leyden, Holland. An Elizabeth Pittenger was married in Leyden, Holland in 1613. This is the reason the first Pittengers in New Jersey talked in the Dutch language as they learned it in Holland before coming to America... Richard Pittenger's wife was Dutch, and they adhered to the Dutch Reformed Church.

Elder Pittenger's Grandfather was Abraham Pittenger, but he does not know the connection between him and Richard Pittenger, the first immigrant to N.J. However a Capt. John Pittenger fought in the Revolutionary War and was a resident of Wash. N.J., and a member of the Presbyterian Church there. We hope Mr. Ben Pittenger will succeed in tracing his family in N.J. from his great Grandfather Abraham up the Richard.

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The effort of our local licensed dealers in intoxicating liquors to obtain permission to sell on the sabbath has been thwarted at least for w while.

The Town Committee rejected their petition to repeal the Sunday ordinance forbidding the sale, but they proposed an amendment to permit the sale after 2.P.M. on Sundays. This cannot become effective before June, and ofcourse it will be strenuously opposed by the people who do not want such Sabbath desecration.



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