

The Weekly Bulletin
of the
Oxford Second Presbyterian
Church
OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, *Ph.D.*,
PASTOR

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.—Psalm 27:4.

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Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Church Worship, 10:30 a. m. - 7:30 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.

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Psalm 61 sel.20
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Scripture Lesson
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Offering
Hymn 248
Sermon
Hymn 125
Benediction

TEXT

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel:
for it is the power of God unto salvation
to every one that believeth.--Rom.I.16.

"Increase, O God, the faith and zeal of
all thy people, that they may seek the
salvation of their fellow-men through the
power of th Gospel in Jesus Christ.

Send forth a mighty call to thy servants
to preach thy Word, and multiply the number
of those who labor in the Gospel; granting
unto them a heart of love, sincerity of
speech, and the power of the Holy Ghost,
that they may be able to persuade men to
forsake sin and turn unto thee." Amen."

The Subject of the Young People
meeting to-night is "Fishers of men."
Joseph Nudge will lead. All welcomed.

Next Sabbath being the day before the
two hundredth anniversary of Washington
we shall give emphasis to it in our morning
service, with special music, and other
appropriate features.

The attendance at Sabbath School last
Sunday was 116, -two being new members.

The Young Peoples Play will be given
March 7th, in School Auditorium.

The annual Canvass for the Church
Budget for the year beginning April 1st
will be held on the second Sunday of
March (13th). The Treasurer would like
all pledges paid as promptly as possible,
to close up the financial year in good
condition.

More Oxford History

Mr. George S. Humphrey writes: "Although it is some time since I've written you, I've by no means lost interest in your 'discoveries' in the history of Oxford, and I read the Bulletin with great deal of pleasure.

George Searing and his wife seem to have a veritable mine of information in those old programmes, bulletins, etc., which they have preserved through all these years. The mere reading of the names brings to my mind many recollections of the ten years I spent in Oxford.

I have been particularly interested in the references to the casting of cannon balls at the old furnace during the war of the Revolution. When I came to Oxford in 1875, there were in the Company's office several of these shot and also a 'pig' having the date 1756 cast in it. They were sent to the State Museum at Trenton, where I presume they still are.

When I came to Oxford, the Old Furnace (No. 1) was in blast, turning out about five tons of pig iron per day. It continued in operation, being occasionally 'blown-out' for relining, until late in 1884, when the last cast was made. Not long afterward the plant was dismantled, the blowing engine, boilers and all other equipment scrapped and the stack roofed over. The air blast for the furnace was originally supplied by leather bellows, later wooden 'tubs', operated by water power; about 1861, a steam blowing engine was installed, anthracite coal was substituted for charcoal as fuel, and the stack strengthened. At the same time two additional tuyeres were provided, making a total of three. Evidences of these improvements are clearly discernable on the stack to this day.

It is related, though not on very good authority, that for some years before the blast furnace was built in 1741, a 'Catalan Forge' was operated on the same site, the bars produced being hauled to Foul Rift on the Delaware River, loaded on Durham boats and transported to Philadelphia.

In the early days of the furnace, the pig iron was shipped to Philadelphia by that route, although much of the iron was used in making stove plates and caldrons for local sale; these castings being made in the pig bed, direct from the furnace.

I was much interested in Mr. George Haycock's reference to the years when there was no 'pay-day' in Oxford, and recall some very amusing, though at the time annoying, incidents connected with the system (or lack of it!), which I may write you at some future time.

Nathan O. Kingman

Mrs A.M. Weston sends the following note:
"The Washington (N.J.) Star of February 4th announces the death of Nathan O. Kingman at the Masonic Home in Burlington, N.J. Mr and Mrs Kingman (formerly Miss Carrie Weston) were for many years consistent members of the Oxford 2nd Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kingman taught a class of young ladies in the Sunday School. He also stood high in Masonic circles. In the late '90s they moved to Washington, N.J. At that time business prospects in Oxford began to decline and many people sought more lucrative employment in other towns. They are widely scattered and I doubt whether many of them are subscribers to the Star, but many do receive the Bulletin and they will read with sorrow and regret of Mr. Kingman's death. His friends were many and loyal, for he was a Christian and a gentleman. Burial was Friday February 1st, in the Burlington Cemetery."

The Church Bell

Mr. Theodore Little gives us accurate information about the raising of the bell in our Church to its place in the tower, in the year 1865. James H. Lukens had charge of the work, and at first attempted to raise the bell up through the tower. Workmen labored for two days and got it up only half way, when it stuck fast, and it took two more days to get it down again. It seemed necessary to send it back and get a smaller one.

But consulting Wm. R. Caul, who was then installing machinery in the Rolling-Mill, he made a measurement of the tower windows and found them large enough, by one inch margin to admit the bell. He then chose three men. Theodore Little, Fred Wolfinger and Jacob Buffman, and then rigged up a "Gin Pole" in front of the tower. Thus under Mr. Caul's direction three men hoisted the bell to its place in two hours time.

"Uncle Dory" Little is now 87 years of age, and has just recovered from his first illness, and we trust will soon be as vigorous as ever. He is one of Oxford's most esteemed and beloved citizens. We thank him for his contribution to our Church history.

Mr. Humphrey's very interesting letter on opposite page is only half printed in this issue. The rest of it will appear next week.

Christian Endeavor in 1905 and 1906

"Mrs Searing received this topic card in a letter from Oxford in 1905; writes Mr. Searing.

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The Local Relief met with the Town officers last Friday night, to assist in making report of local conditions to the state boards. The situation here was found to be taken care of in a very encouraging manner. It has all been managed in a most creditable way.

Mrs Florence Fichtel has generously contributed to the expenses of the Bulletin and has our gratitude. She is a regular reader of it.

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