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



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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 SERVICES

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.

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

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

st. Psalm 96 sel. 35

Hymn 219

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 113

Sermon

Hymn 233

Benediction

TEXT

rs Bring ye all the tithes into the store-
house, that there may be meat in mine
house, and prove me now herewith, saith the
sh Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the
ck windows of heaven, and pour you out a bless-
ing, that there shall not be room to receive
it." Malachi III.10

r 1. Tithing is the Historical and Biblical
method of offering to the Lord.

2. It should be done with freewill, and
not of compulsion.

3. It is an act of faith in God,

4. It is then a source of great blessing.

i "O Lord by whose hand all living things
were made, and by whose blessing they are
nourished and sustained; We give thee
heartly thanks for all the bounties of thy
providence, wherewith thou hast enriched
our lives, and we humbly pray that, enjoying
thy gifts in contentment, we may be enabled
ht by thy grace to use them to thy praise."

mes Union service to-night at 7:30,
in this Church. Mr. Calender will preach.

lice Mrs. Renner has called a special meeting
of the Ladies Aid for next Wednesday at
the Manse, to consider plans for the Easter
sale, if such be decided upon, and any
other business to come before the Society.

The President is very desirous of a
large attendance.

ly The Play "The Wild Oats Boy" will be
presented by our young people tomorrow
night at the School Auditorium, and the
prospect is for a full house, as the ticket
sale has been very good. A full account
of it will appear in the next Bulletin.

More about the Old Furnace

The Editor recently requested Mr. Patrick Kempsey, one of Oxford's old citizens, to note down for the Bulletin some of the interesting things he had mentioned about the old Furnace in the early Eighties.

He kindly complied and all will be pleased to read the facts and names in the following statement,

"The old blast furnace quit operation after a run, or blast as it was called, of 14 months in 1884. George S. Humphrey was Superintendent. The men who operated the various parts of the plant were:
Founders or Keepers- James Parry and William Little.

Helpers- Michael Conley and David Kilpatrick.

Top Fillers- George Lanning, James Clausen, George Ready, Fred Peterson, George D. Little and William Cross.

Iron Carrier from casthouse to yard- Adam Hartman after whom Hartman's Corner was named.

Hauling Iron by wagon to Rolling Mill- Hans Norgaard, Samuel Stout.

Engineers- Isaac Baylor, Patrick Kempsey.

"There were many other men doing Yard and Stackhouse work which made it a very busy place, and as a whole everyone acted as if one family. The daily capacity of the furnace was 25 tons, very small compared to the large modern furnaces with a capacity of 400 and 450 tons per day. This increase is due to the use of good coke in the place of coal, and the higher blast pressure, now as high as 30 pounds, whereas in 1884 blast pressure was only 6 to 6½ pounds per square inch, and our engines revolved at 19 turns per minute, while to-day the engine speed hardly has a limit. I recall to mind at the present time that there are only four men living of the former number who worked there at that time. They are George S. Humphrey, Fred Peterson, George D. Little, and Patrick Kempsey."

Mr. George Haycock has put into our hands a very interesting old book, being an official Record of the fiftieth anniversary of Newton Presbytery, held at Washington, N.J. Nov. 20th, 1867. It contains a fine history of all the Churches of the Presbytery, but as Oxford Second was only organized four years before, it is merely mentioned. But a great deal is told about Oxford First, at Hazen, which was our mother Church. Our thanks to Mr. Haycock.

Mr. Frederick K. Fowler sends us a welcome letter, inclosing a check for \$10.00 for the current expenses of the Church, for which we heartily thank him, not only for the offering but for the deep interest he has always had for this Church.

He adds an interesting note:

"To say that we enjoy the Bulletin is to put it very mildly, and every time it comes I say to myself, it is about time for me to tell some of the things I recall, but some other pressing duties prevent me from doing so, and then some one else tells of the things I had in mind. Perhaps some day I may think of something that has not appeared in the Bulletin."

We trust Mr. Fowler will write for us something soon, for everyone would enjoy anything he may tell about.

The Bulletin would be glad to have a letter from all of the former members of Oxford Second Church, especially from such as have not sent any word for some time.

It is not necessary to give some historical reminiscence; any personal items will be of interest to their old friends in the church.

For example here is a note from two of members living at Montana, Mr. Wm Frome and his sister Ellen. They are of advanced age and feeble health, but are dear folks who love our Church and get much comfort from the Bulletin. Miss Frome keeps a beautiful garden of flowers, fruit and vegetables, and it is a pleasure to visit them. She writes: "Inclosed find one dollar. My brother is sending it for the Bulletin with many thanks. He is nearly the same as when you were here. We hope this will find you and your family all in good health."

The Bulletin acknowledges postage for another year from J. R. Searing of Newark. Mr. Searing is an assistant editor of the Bulletin, and has placed all our readers under great obligation by the remarkable material about old Oxford during the past year. We have on hands many interesting things yet to be printed which he has contributed. He adds a good word for the Church and Bulletin:

"I trust all of us who enjoy receiving it weekly will help finance it, and if we can, also assist the old Home Church."

ANNUAL CANVASS for CHURCH BUDGET

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Next Sunday afternoon is the time set for the canvass for pledges for the budget of the church for the year beginning Apr.1st.

All members of the Congregation are requested to remain at home until the canvassers call upon them, which they will do early in the afternoon. This will be of great help to the committee who otherwise would have to make later trips for that purpose.

The Budget will be the same as last year,--\$2000. for current expenses, and \$200. for th. Boards.

At the trustees meeting last Tuesday night the following schedule of canvassers was decided upon:

- "Lutch Hill" ---Charles Renner and E.R.Rush
James Radel and L.Bergjenback
- Buttzville ave--George Locker Jn. and
Fred.K.Sarson
- Mine Hill, Wash, ave, and Church st. ---
---Ed.T.Green and Russel Trexler
- Jones town---L.E.Green and Charles Lux
- Walls st. and Buckley ave---Harry Miller,
Frank Koehn, Clark Wilkinson
- Axford Ave--E.B.Foss and Ed. Sharps.

The Treasurer's report for the past year was made and the amount still needed by the 31st of March to close the year complete is nearly \$ 500. This is the same amount as in the past two years, and is considered by the Trustess as very encouraging, in view of the distressing conditions that have prevailed since last May. The bank failures in Belvidere caught many of our families, and crippled them financially. But in spite of all these adverse events, the contributions have been about as usual even in prosperous times.

This speaks highly of the loyalty of our people to their Church, for to many keeping up the pledges has meant a sacrifice but all are glad they have been able to do so.

As to making pledges for next year we believe that everyone will do the utmost possible to continue as in the past, and will exercise true Christian faith, in the belief that God will help them not only to meet their pledges but also materially assist them in their personal finances.

This is surely the Divine promise, and the Lord always keeps his word to men.

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