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of the
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Church
OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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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

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Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Psalm 46 sel. 16

Hymn 48

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 126

Sermon

Hymn 308

Benediction.

Text

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What ! shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. ----Job 2: 10

"O Lord, may thy will be done. Give unto us what thou wilt, how much thou wilt and when thou wilt. Do with us as thou wilt, put us where thou wilt, deal freely with us evryday. We are in thy hand: we would not live unto ourselves but unto thee: O that we could do so worthily and perfectly: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Young People's meeting tonight. Miss Helen Snyder will lead. She has selected a timely topic which is: "Why should we pray." Come and take some active part in the service.

Childrens' Day

Childrens' Day exercises will take place on June 12th. The Supt. of the Sunday School has appointed a committee on the program, consisting of Mrs. E. T. Green, Mrs. Laura Seiple and Miss Elizabeth Zapp. All will look forward to this day.

Memorial Day services will be held on Sunday morning May 29th with some appropriate features. Special music and flowers will add to the interest.

It is but two weeks away and we can plan for it now.

Last Sabbath Services

The 69th anniversary of the Church was observed last Sabbath with two very impressive services. The rain kept down attendance, but good audiences marked both occasions. The morning worship was excellent in all respects. The choir gave two beautiful anthems, and the music was varied by two numbers by an instrumental Trio- violin, flute and piano- which were well rendered and very pleasing. The sermon was by the Rev. Harry Bruen, our Presbyterian missionary to Corea. It was interesting and stimulating to all who rejoice in the spread of the Gospel.

Mr. Bruen attended the Sabbath School, taught a doubled-up class of boys who were fascinated with his instruction, and gave an interesting talk to the whole school. He has our warm gratitude, and our prayers will go with him when he returns to his field this summer.

A number of visitors from a distance were present at this service. Miss Rosalie Sarson came from Newark with three friends. G.R. Searing, son and grand son also came from Newark. The Westons- Herbert C. and Clinton E. came from South Orange. The latter's mother and sister, -Mrs A.M. Weston and Mrs. Mildred Tunison came from Hackettstown for the meeting. Mr. and Mrs Elmer Frome and daughter of Phillipsburg were present, and others also whose names do not recur to mind at the moment.

The Evening Service inspite of the heavy rain was largely attended. The Methodists were present on good numbers with their pastor, Mr. Callender who took part in the worship. The Music was voted quite successful. The choir rendered two fine anthems, and the special feature was a trumpet quartet from Phillipsburg, being the pupils of Mr. Lewis Seiple. It was the first public appearance in this role for the boys, and they gave a good account of themselves. We hope to have them with us soon again. The Sermon was given by Rev. W.A. Wagar, a beloved former pastor, and his presence made the occasion a real reunion. His interesting sermon was enjoyed by all. After the meeting an informal reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs Wagar and their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Mulder of New Brunswick.

It was a good day and will be remembered with pleasure by many. The Ladies served a sunstantial luncheon, and deserve the thanks of the church.

Mr. George R. Searing Recalls the musical talents of his old Oxford neighbors. He writes:

"I was living on Mechanic street with my father. Mr. and Mrs. Chriss Lanning lived next door. They had a musical son, John, machinist by trade, who came home for dinner and every noon played about fifteen minutes on a melodeon some good grade of organ music. He played with great expression that gave pleasure to the ear.

"He was organist in the M.E. Church and also played double bass in the Lukens orchestra. He married the daughter of D. Weston and moved to Taunton Mass. Their leaving was regretted by friends and neighbors. George Brewster lived two doors below us. He was a good violinist and played in Lukens orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. James Kean lived just opposite. Their three daughters, Misses Clara, Ella and Bell were all musical: and every one enjoyed going to this hospitable home. Some of the young men who often gathered there were; S. B. Hill, Benj. Walton, Joseph Walton, Frederick Fowler, Robert Gray, I recall some of the songs they sang were; - 'I cannot sing the Old Song,' 'Just Before the Battle Mother,' 'Loves Old Sweet Song,' 'Darling Nelly Gray,' 'When You and I were Young Maggie,' 'Old Folks at Home,' 'Darling I am Growing Old,' 'Good Night Ladies'

"Mr. Fred Fowler married Miss Clara Dean and we had them for neighbors on Church street. They continued singing but mostly nursery songs. Miss Bell Kean married Mr. Jepson and moved to Hillsdale, N. J. In the sudden death of Miss Ella Kean Oxford lost one always willing to use her fine musical talents for the Church and the Temperance Cause. She graduated from the State Normal School, and though we had many fine pianists she was the best, as well as a teacher of great ability. She was a charming character and Oxford did not recover from the shock of her death for months. Then I recall Jabez Thomas of Mill street, - an artist on his favorite instrument, the Accordion.

"Some thirty four years ago I was invited to go to a Christian Endeavor entertainment in one of the large churches of Brooklyn. They had engaged talent from an agency that furnished entertainment for such occasions. I was greatly surprised when I saw my friend, Clinton E. Weston walk on the platform. I heard one of the young ladies behind me say to her companion, that Mr. Weston was good looking. He entertained that large

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(Mr.Searing Continued)

audience forty minutes with a fine program of music, and Chauncy DePew could not have excelled his jokes. Here is one of them: 'Angry Father at 2 A.M. "Well, young lady, explain yourself. Where have you been all night?" Daughter;" I was sitting up with the sick son of the sick man you always tell mother you sit up with"

Mr. Searing was a friend of Mr. Fred Ulrich of Hope who about ten days ago met death by accident, and says: "Mr Ulrich has been connected with different musical organizations and took great pleasure in showing his valued instruments. Mrs. Ulrich was the daughter of David Insko of Oxford, who was a good citizen. She gave her children the best advantages of music available at the time. One of their instructors was Mrs. Mellie Tunison under whose careful training they became skillful players. Mrs Ulrich showed me a March called the Volunteer composed by Clinton E. Weston and dedicated to his father Captain C.C. Weston. "

We are glad to add to the mailing list of the Bulletin the name of the Rev. C.S. Shafer, pastor of the Christian church in Fineville, N.J. Mrs Shafer was Eliza McNear, and likes to read the letters of old Oxfordites.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge a contribution from our genial fellow citizen Mr. Patrick Kempsey for the expenses of the Bulletin. He has long been a reader of the paper, and one of our best contributors. An historical article by him will appear in next issue.

Mr. Herbert Weston also wants his subscription continued and generously provided for it.

The many friends of Mr. Theodore Little will be glad to hear that he has recovered from his recent illness. He told the Editor about a youthful experience.

He went with a minister one Sabbath evening who was to preach at a country church near Wilkesbarre, Pa. which was situated on the bank of a stream, at the time flooded from rains. They had to cross the stream to get to the church, and found the bridge washed out. The Minister looked at the lighted church and the waiting congregation, but knew not how to get across. Mr. Little solved the problem by taking the minister on his shoulders and carried him over the waste deep stream.

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