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The Weekly 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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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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**STATED MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH**

**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  
Psalm 91 sel 33  
Hymn 45  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 219  
Sermon by Rev. C. R. Hamlin  
Hymn 113  
Benediction

"O God, who hast taught us to keep all thine heavenly commandments by loving thee and our neighbor; Grant us the spirit of grace and peace, that thy universal family may be devoted to thee with their whole heart, and united to each other with a perfect charity; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

Union Meeting tonight at the Methodist church. It is an act of courtesy, as well as Christian duty to be present in these union services.

The Young People meet at 7 P.M. sharp to night for their meeting, which will be led by Miss Ruth Snyder. The Topic is; "Does God Really Care?" See Matt. 6: 25-26.

**CHILDRENS' DAY SERVICE**

Next Sabbath morning the church hour will be given over to the Sunday School for the Annual Childrens' Day Exercises. There will be an interesting programe by the children, and the room will be decorated with flowers. The pastor will baptize infants, if presented by their parents. Please inform him of intention of this kind.

Daily Vacation Bible School will begin on June 26th, and close June 15th. Further details in next issue.

Lewis E. Green sends in this financial statement for the months of April and May.

Amount received.....\$ 206.75  
" Disbursed..... 153.11  
53.64

Amount paid to Rev. Yount this year \$100.



Mrs Elsie M. Ward passed to her reward on May 30th, at her home in Newark.

She had reached the advanced age of 85 and had for years been in delicate health.

Our church records show that Miss Elsie M. Hendershot and Mr. Warren Ward were married in 1867, and that Mr. Ward died in 1884, at the age of 41. She has been a member of our church since 1884 and though long a resident elsewhere she retained her active relation with her old home church. The body was brought to Oxford last Thursday and placed beside that of her husband in Hillside Cemetery.

The Bulletin has good reason to be grateful to the memory of Mrs. Ward, for she was the first subscriber. Nearly three years ago, when it began its feeble first issues, she received from a dear friend in the church the first copy, she soon sent postage to have it mailed to her weekly, and had to the last shown her deep interest in it, as in the church it represented. Since then over 50 names of non-resident and former members have been added to our list, but none could possibly give such pleasure and encouragement as hers, - it was the first and came when the very existence of the paper was in doubt.

She frequently wrote notes to the Editor about the paper, and the last a few weeks ago, requesting a copy she failed to get, which it was a pleasure to send, and with it a letter of regret. Our readers will pardon this personal reference, and will understand our feelings for the memory of Mrs. Ward.

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The General Assembly closed its annual meeting last Thursday at Denver Col. It will meet next year at Fort Worth Texas. Commissioners from the Presbyteries both ministers and elders to the number of 1000 make up the Assembly, which is the highest court of authority in the church.

Nothing of unusual importance has been before the convention, but many of much interest. Women delegates, that is, when sent as elders, by a Presbytery, were given the right of membership in the Assembly. This is something new in our church.

The Assembly came out strong in support of the enforcement of the 18th Amendment and in opposition of any attempt to repeal it. This is the historical attitude of the Church, and is more emphatic now than ever in the past. The entire membership of our church now exceeds 2,000,000.

## Earnings Without Pay Days

By George S. Humphrey

As has been said by my old friend Patrick Kempsey and others, there was no Pay Day at the Oxford Iron Works for many years.

A ledger account was kept with every employe which was credited with his earnings monthly. Against this credit were charged all his expenses; if a married man, his store account, rent, etc.; if single, his store account and board bill, - the latter being passed to the boarding house keeper, who in turn traded it out in the store.

And this was only the beginning, the Office being the clearing house for all sorts of transactions. Church pew rents for all the churches in the village were charged to the subscribers accounts and credited to the Church; and in turn, the Minister traded out his salary, and all church supplies were purchased at the Store and "charged."

The same was true of the Doctor's bills, as also trade of every description. At the end of each month, every employe was furnished with a statement, or "Due bill," as it was called, showing his balance. The result was that nearly every body was in debt to the Company, and the few who were thrifty enough to have a credit balance could never get any real money.

The system of course necessitated a great deal of book-keeping, requiring two large ledgers into which were posted the earnings and various charges. My first work at Oxford was to keep Ledger "M to Z;" "A to L" being kept by I. F. Ward.

Occasionally on holidays, small sums in cash - as I remember it, \$5. to married men, and \$2. to bachelors, were distributed, and at other times, all sorts of subterfuges were resorted to to get a little money, - "Sick grandmother" etc. I recall that during the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876, some one asked a friend if he intended to visit the Exposition. "Oh no" was the reply, "I acn't get the money" "Oh thats easy; go to the station and Andy Ryan will give you a ticket and charge it, and when you get off the train at Philadelphia, "S.T. will meet you with a store book, and charge up all your expenses there."

Robert Gray and I used occasionally to go to New York for a few days. We would begin a long time in advance to ask Mr. Lukens for small amounts in cash, a dollar or so at a time; and when ready for the trip we would get return tickets which were of course charged. On reaching New York we would go to the Company's office and warehouse at 81, 83, and 85, Washington stre-



where Mr. James Scranton, who was in charge would let us each have \$10. or so, on our accounts; this with our previous accumulations would give us enough cash to pay our hotel bills, theater tickets, and small expenses. If we wished to make purchases of any considerable amount, we would go to the concerns having accounts with the Company, get what we desired, and have it charged. We would stay as long as our cash lasted, and then start for home with our return tickets in our otherwise empty pockets.

And so it was with all other employes. When the Old Oxford Iron Company failed in 1878 the effect on the employes having credit balances was extremely disastrous—a condition which it is not pleasant nor necessary to recall after more than fifty years.

After the Receiver was appointed, the old method was abandoned, a regular monthly pay day was established and each employe received cash less the amount of his store account and rent if he occupied a Company house.

In all justice it should be said that the old manner of remunerating workmen, as briefly described, was not confined to the Oxford Company; it was the general practice in all such establishments and indicates that the "good old times" were not always so good as they might have been.

The effect on the individual character was very bad, especially on the young men, as it smothered any tendency toward thrift, and made spendthrifts of us all. I often wonder that any of us survived that kind of training.

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The Manse was gladdened last Thursday afternoon, when some quite unexpected callers appeared in the persons of Mr. Edwin C. Perkins, Jr., and his brother, Dr. Franklin H. Perkins, M.D. They stopped over in Oxford on their way from a convention in Philadelphia. They are enthusiastic old Oxfordites, and examined their old home, next door to the Manse. Their mother, over 90 years, lives with Edwin C. in New Haven Conn., 445 Ellsworth Ave.

Dr. Franklin has built up a large medical home institution, called "The Perkins School of Adjustment" at Lancaster Mass., near Boston. The Catalogue shows a large estate with many fine buildings, well equipped for the special treatment given to the children inmates.

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