

The Weekly Bulletin  
of the  
Oxford Second Presbyterian  
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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### 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 24 sel. 6  
Hymn 33  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem "The Haven of Desire,"  
Offering  
Hymn 140  
Sermon  
Solo "Let not your heart be troubled."  
Miss Elizabeth Zapp  
The Lord's Supper  
Hymn 236  
Benediction

### Text

Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works, and  
glorify your Father which is in heaven.  
... Matthew 5:16

"O Lord save thy people and bless  
thine inheritance: feed them also, and  
lift them up for ever. Remember, O Lord  
thy congregation, which thou hast purchased  
of old; pour out thy Spirit as floods upon  
the dry ground, and refresh thy waiting  
heritage. Show thy mercy also unto them  
afar off, and gather all the lost sheep  
into thy fold; for the sake of Jesus  
Christ our Lord." Amen.

The topic for the Young People tonight  
is "Teach us to pray," and the leader will  
be Miss Alice Bell. The time of meeting  
is 7 o'clock.

The Preparatory services held in  
the church the past week were well worth  
while, though the attendance was small.

The visiting ministers, - Rev. M.H. Looloian  
Rev. A.C. Kellogg, and Dr. C. Overstreet,  
brought us good messages, that we need to  
take to heart. We are deeply grateful to  
them and pray the Divine blessing upon  
them and their own congregations.

The choir was very faithful and led  
the music effectively.

The Young people will hold their  
annual masquerade social next Friday  
night, Oct. 14th, in Dr. Neumann's Barn.  
Admission will be by tickets which are  
now being sold by them.



The Annual Fair and Waffle-Supper conducted by the Ladies of the Church will be held October 27th, the last Thursday of the month. There will be a prize contest as formerly, the contestants are Mrs. Emil Ritzer and Miss Virginia Hood. The prizes go to them for cash funds collected by them. Those who will contribute to one or both will give or send money direct to them.

We are indebted to Miss Emma Scott for a Young Peoples' Prayer-Meeting Topic card for the year 1911. Mr. F. B. Schoonover was the Pastor at the time. The officers of the Society were:  
 President...John Eckmeter  
 Vice-Pres...Edward Green  
 Secretary...Euphemia M. Lanterman  
 Treasurer...Mrs. E. B. Foss  
 Organist....Nellie Lou Gardner

Other names appearing as leaders or on the committees, are as follows:

E. B. Foss	Ella M. Nelson
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Last Sabbath was memorable for the visit of Representatives of the "Lord's Day Alliance of America," The address at the Morning worship hour was made by a Dr. Moore of Brooklyn, N.Y. He made a deep impression by his forceful presentation of the vital needs of Sabbath Observance, as a fundamental condition of national prosperity, and the power of religion.

He is a most pleasing speaker, in both person and manner of address, and all were glad to hear him.

Dr. H. L. Bowlby, the Secretary of the Alliance, spoke interestingly to the Sunday and the Young Peoples' Society. ( School

Several members of our church are on the sick list. Mrs. George Locker Jr., is still in the Hospital, but is expecting to get home soon. Miss Rachel Foss who is in the hospital at Portland for a fractured thigh bone, and Miss Dorothy Trimmer who has been quite ill, are both improving. May they all be well again soon.

Old Days in Oxford--Nails  
 By Clinton E. Weston

With all its natural resources, and with the foundation for the iron trade that had been laid, it was quite natural that Oxford should become a leader in the nail industry

The nail making era commenced in a large way right after the Civil War, when the demand for buildings was great; and in consequence, the industry that had just been started at Oxford grew and flourished for a number of years until the advent of the wire nail in 1886; and with the attractive wages that were paid the industry drew many of the best class of workers in that line. There were nail factories located at East Taunton, Mass., Boonton, N.J. Birdsboro, Penna., and Northumberland, Pa.

As these high class men were attracted to Oxford and with the large scale in which it was conducted, most of the other factories were forced out of business by the competition. It was at this period that the town flourished and enjoyed the several activities of a companionable and well regulated community. This is the period when life-long associations were formed; the memory of which is what counts for the loyalty and esteem in which its former and present citizens were and are held. There is no authentic history of the nail, and when we think of the enormous production and various uses we wonder just how the nail originated. The first things used for so called nails were thorns of the locust tree, which were hard as iron and the largest size ran to about eight inches.

Fish bones were commonly used for nails even before Noah's time, and probably his raft scow was built with them. This is not strange as it sounds for the bones were as long and strong as some of our present bolts. As time progressed the demands increased and human ingenuity asserted itself and wooden pins came into use. They were driven through holes that had been burned by hot irons until the crude auger came into use. Then came the hand forged nails, followed by machinery fed by hand which cut about 100 a minute. This was only a little over one hundred years ago, and it was not until about our Civil War time that the automatic feeder came into use and the production accordingly became enormous. Oxford cut nails had a world-wide reputation, and were shipped to many parts of the globe. Just how the name "Penny" arose is perhaps unknown. This name penny was given to describe the lengths, such as a 2 penny nail was one inch



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long, and each penny was increased by one quarter inch larger sized nail.

One thousand six-penny nails weighed six pounds, one thousand eight-penny nails weighed eight pounds— and so on.

The handwriting on the wall for the cut nail to go out, appeared when the wire nail came in; and thus ended an industry that had been so successful for a quarter of a century. When the realization came that the star of the town had set, then migration began to many parts of the country, with the migrators hoping and longing for some revival to bring the fading town back to its former self.

At any intimation of a revival of business all incoming trains were crowded.

What a business air planes would have done \$....

Mr. Clinton E. Weston's article will be read with pleasure, which is true of all he writes for the Bulletin. But he expresses, in a note to the Editor, his fear lest he may send us too many letters.

He may be assured that there will be no danger of so doing. He may be pleased to know that the Editor was told this past week by one of the visiting ministers that he had shown the Bulletin with his (Mr. Weston's) last article, to the church session, and that they were much pleased and diverted with what he wrote. In fact many ministers from near and far who get the Bulletin regularly or occasionally speak of it very highly. It is attracting wide attention, and the credit is due to those who contribute such interesting letters, historical and otherwise.

Hence we warmly urge our readers, especially, those who lived in Oxford in the interesting days of the past, to send in their reminiscences as soon as possible. If any does not have the time to write in finished form, let them jot down some notes, and the Editor will put them in proper form for the paper.

We are pleased to add to our mailing list the name of Mr. Henry Wolfinger of Phillipsburg. He is an old Oxfordite, and the name has been a prominent one for near a century in Oxford history, and also in our Church, as two of them, Henry and Frederick Wolfinger, were charter members of it when organized in 1863.

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