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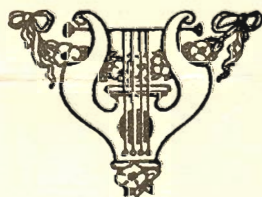
# The Bulletin

OF THE

## Oxford Second

### Presbyterian Church

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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

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*Be careful for nothing; but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your  
requests be made  
known to God*

*And the peace of God, which passeth all  
understanding, shall keep your  
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Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.  
Church Worship, 10:30 a. m.  
Young People's Meeting, 7 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  
Anthem "Sweet Music Softly Stealing"  
Psalm 19, sel. 5  
Hymn 71  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Solo "Bethlehem's Star"  
Mrs. Edward T. Green  
Prayer  
Anthem, "Calm on the Listening Ear"  
Offering  
Hymn 64  
Sermon  
Solo "Holy Night."  
Mrs. Carroll Meyers  
Hymn 73  
Benediction

## Text

And, lo, the star which they saw in the east, went before them, til it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Matt. 2:9, 10

"Father in heaven, whose mercy we praise in the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Grant that as we welcome our Redeemer his presence may shed abroad, in our hearts and in our homes, the light of heavenly peace and joy. And help us so to celebrate this day, in humility and gratitude, in unselfish love and cheerful service, that our keeping of Christmas may be a blessing to our souls, a memorial to Christ, a benefit to our fellow men, and a thanksgiving unto thee for thine unspeakable gift of the Saviour. Amen."

The Young People meet at 7 P. M. for their evening service. The topic will be "The Spirit of Christmas."

A contest for membership and attendance is in progress, and much interest is taken by them all. The meeting last Sabbath evening was held at the Manse. There were many present, and after the service, the S. S. Christmas songs were practiced.

A frozen steam pipe in the church furnace made the church useless for any service last Sabbath. The pipe was mended Monday, and is in good condition at present.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
By George S. Dufford

What do I want as a Christmas gift?  
Something you can supply,  
That on life's sea will forever drift,  
A present, you cannot buy.  
Peace and good will; the Herald's sang-  
If you echo that Christmas song,  
A gift you see, to the world and me,  
You will give, as we journey on.

What do I want as a Christmas gift?  
The grip from a helping hand  
Of a friend that will help me find a rift  
In the clouds, that my day have spanned.  
A cheering word, or a pleasant smile;  
Great gifts for each troubled night:  
They make the living of life worth while:  
Great stars, with their gleaming light.

What do I want for a Christmas gift?  
A heart that shall always find  
Some good, as well as my faults; and sift  
The gold, from the dross of mind.  
These are the gifts for which I ask,  
These are the gifts I'd give.  
Giving them never proves a task,  
Give, and receive, and live.

The above beautiful poem was sent to Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Tunison by the author as a personal greeting. The Doctor and the poet began their life-long friendship as school mates.

We understand the poem has not yet been printed, and we consider it a great honor and privilege to put it in our little paper. We thank the author and Dr. Tunison for the use of it, for our hundreds of readers in Oxford, and elsewhere, who will peruse it with great pleasure. Mr. Dufford lives in Plainfield, N. J., and has published some volumes of poems.

The Editor does not send out Christmas cards because it would take hundreds of them, and he does not wish to slight any one. But to one and all he sends his heart felt good wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He and Mrs. Yount have received a multitude of cards from friends here and elsewhere, and are devoutly grateful for them. For to be remembered kindly by well wishing friends is a gift more precious than money can purchase.

HUMOROUS OXFORD DAYS  
By Clinton L. Weston

In reviewing the history of Oxford there naturally comes to mind many humorous incidents that occurred from time to time and in looking through my collection I have selected a few that bring back happy recollections and believe it or not - a smile.

In the '80s there was a St. Patrick's day parade, and it was about the largest parade that Oxford ever had. It formed at the station at the incoming of the morning train, marched to the company store and halted before proceeding. I halted on the porch of the store, and it was a cold, raw day. A man who stood near me said to one of the marchers, "Hey Tom! It's a cold day to be marching ye have." Tom thought a minute and replied, "Yes, it's cold all right, but I was a thinkin' if the 17th of March only came on the 4th of July what a hot time we would have."

Apropos of the coming legislation for beer; there was a German resident on Dutch Hill who acknowledged a fondness for the beverage. I was told that his thirst began early in the morning and continued throughout the day. Some one asked him why he did not switch to a stronger drink like whiskey, and he said, "Too much whiskey is too much - but too much beer is not enough." Alas! Eventually it proved too much.

One of the lodges in Oxford had a hard time getting a quorum at its meetings unless refreshments were served. Advertise a feed and there would be an overflow.

At a certain meeting, it was given out that an oyster supper would be served at the next meeting. As usual a large membership turned out. The meeting progressed with no sign of a supper, and when some of the members got nervous and demanded to know when the oysters would be forthcoming, the Master sent a committee down stairs and one of them came up with a very large platter with just one lonesome oyster reclining in the corner of the platter. He set it down on a table and the Master invited the members to help themselves.

At one of the church meetings a prominent member was called on for some remarks. Being a quiet, unassuming man, not given to speechmaking, he arose and said, "This reminds me of the culprit, who to escape, hid in the church belfry, and by accident rang the bell. People wondered why the bell should ring at that time of day, and upon investigation found the man. As the culprit was led away he said, (over

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"If it wasn't for the bell's tongue I wouldn't have been seen," and likewise if it wasn't for the chairman's tongue I wouldn't have been seen." Meeting adjourned sine die.

Game was abundant in the early days, consequently there were many enthusiastic hunters. Among them were Dorie Little and my father. I recall Dorie's two famous hounds, Spring and Jack. How those two wonderful dogs could puncture the atmosphere at daybreak with their prolonged musical notes while waiting for the two nimrods to get under way. In his reclining years, Old Jack adopted my father's family and was always very punctual at meals.

Dorie once wrote my father and ended his letter like this:

"My pen is poor, my ink is pale,

My hand shakes like old Jack's tail.

This story was told me but always with a sly wink and a merry twinkle in the eye.

A Celt who had never been a-hunting, bought himself a cheap gun and after much coaxing was allowed to accompany the hunters. In going through a field a bird suddenly flew up and the Celt let go with both barrels. Dropping his gun he ran across the field to where he thought the bird dropped, and looking around for a while finally picked up a recently deceased frog.

Holding it up high he excitedly shouted, "Hey Capt. Sure, I've shot all the feathers off the bird."

I exchanged some of these with an old timer one day, and as my machine began to roll away, he gave me a parting salute and I could just hear his words,

"Ah! But them were happy days."

The Annual Sunday School Christmas exercises will take place tomorrow night in the church, at 7:30.

There will be some beautiful new Christmas songs by the school, and the children have been practicing their pieces for some time, and it will be a delightful occasion as it always must be.

A Christmas tree and Santa Claus with his treats will as usual give joy to the children.

The young people will watch the old year out and the new year in next Saturday night, with a social gathering at the Chapel. A small admission will be charged to pay for refreshments.

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