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Presbyterian Church
OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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Pastor

*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
hearts and minds through
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Philippians IV. 6, 7*

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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.

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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 116
Hymn 317
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 254
Sermon
Hymn 245
Benediction

Text

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, -- Ephesians 3: 20

"O God, in prayer may we be ever grateful and humble; in the continuance of prayer earnest and persevering; at times of prayer reverent and believing; awaiting thine answer to prayer patiently, and with a restful assurance of thy love and mercy.

"What Qualities made Washington Great," is the topic for the meeting of the Young People tonight at seven oclock. Mrs Charles Dux is the leader!

The annual play will be given by them at the school auditorium on the evening of March 7th. Tickets will soon be for sale at a price all can afford.

The second Sabbath of March is the regular date for the annual canvass for subscriptions for the support of the church for another year. This will be only three weeks from today, and full notices will appear in the Bulletin.

Arrangements are being made to hold several cottage prayer meetings during the period of Lent which begins March 1st. The first meeting will be on March 8th at the home of William Horakaker. The others will be located in the different sections of the town. Those who open their homes for such services may, if they please, notify the Pastor. In this way all our members will find these places convenient to their homes.

A Farewell Party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Weber on February 5th, at their home in Lyndhurst, before starting for the South. Mr. Clinton E. Weston writes the Bulletin of this occasion in his most delightful manner:

"Mrs. A.M. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas, George Searing and the writer called on the invalid George Weber and his wife some days ago and found George convalescing from a swollen foot. We understood the physician was not sure of the cause of the trouble and Searing being in a somewhat jocular mood quietly suggested that it might be gout. George explained that while he had once been affected with an ulcerated appetite he could not recall that any of his ancestors had been affected with the gout.

Searing then suggested that George might have accidentally or otherwise had his leg pulled, but George said he was immune from that as it had been pulled so often that one more pull would have made him bow-legged; so the suggestions were put in the discard. We expressed the hope that complete recovery would come from George's contemplated visit to Birmingham. On leaving Dan, with best intentions, wished George 'Bon Voyage', but George misunderstood him to say 'BUM VOYAGE' and after the smoke had cleared away we all joined in the good old refrain, - Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Weber writes us from Birmingham Alabama that the trip was made without inconvenience to himself, and that they were comfortably settled, and had good hope for speedy recovery from his lameness.

He adds: "This is called the 'Sunny South' but I think the weather man did not wish to make the change too sudden for us so sent a cold wave which covered a large part of the Southern States...."

"Birmingham does have cold snaps but they are of short duration. Spring here is at least two months earlier than in Jersey. Just now the Jonquills and the Forsythia are in bloom, and trees are beginning to bud.

He then refers feelingly to the visit of his old Oxford friends, above described, remarking, "You can easily guess what the principal topic of conversation consisted of, i.e. former times in the old Home Town."

In a post script he says: "Don't forget the annual reunion. People have already spoken to me about this annual event."

Streets Lights in Old Oxford By George S. Humphrey

In a recent issue of the Washington "Star" I have read that "In the interests of economy street lights in Oxford have been discontinued."

This reminds me of conditions which prevailed when I arrived there in 1875.

The only "lamps" which I can now recall are, one which was on the "Store" porch, and another on a post in front of the old stone Chapel, - I think that the latter was lighted only when services were being held.

Every one who had occasion to go out in the evening was provided with a lantern.

These were of all kinds and patterns.

Some burned Kerosene and were provided with flat wicks; others used sperm or whale oil, the burners consisting of two small tubes with round wicks which were pushed up when necessary by means of a nail or piece of wire, inserted in a slot in the side of the tubes. And there were a few real old timers, containing a tallow candle; these gave about as good a light as the others and were much easier to manage.

I remember that when there were meetings in the old chapel, we used to leave our lanterns in the little vestibule, the wicks turned down but still burning. The combined odor of Kerosene, whale oil and smoking tallow is something never to be forgotten!

At one time there was a rivalry between the "boys" in the store and office, as to who should possess the handsomest lanterns.

Most of us affected the style used by the rail road passenger-train conductors, resplendent with nickel plated frames and artistic globes on many sides of which we had our initials engraved. I would like to see them all again!

And they were very necessary, for in those days there were no sidewalks and the paths were rough and full of holes, which in rainy weather became pools of water. These were the "hey-days" of Oxford prosperity, but many things were rather primitive.

The Bulletin continues to be of great interest to me. It has become a sort of "clearing-house of information about old friends of whom I've heard little or nothing for many years. George Searing seems to have preserved practically every sheet of printed matter relating to the old days, and they are of great interest to those of us who recall or took part in the various occasions. There certainly was a

charm and an "atmosphere" about Oxford in those days which those of us who participated in them can never forget.

We all owe you a debt of gratitude for bringing them to our remembrance.

In a later note Mr. Humphrey refers to "the recent death of Miss Martha Fowler who was for many years associated with her mother in the management of 'Fowler House' and of course well known to all of us who made our home there. While, as were all the Fowler family, she was a communicant in the Episcopal Church, she always attended services in our church and was active in its various interests. More than once Mrs. Fowler opened her house for a 'Sociable' or similar event connected with the Presbyterian church and on all such occasions 'Martha' added much to the pleasure of those present.

Her going reminds those of us who were active in Oxford at that time, of 'days that are gone' and will never return.

There is a strong element of sadness in it all."

Mr. C.E. Weston sends the Bulletin this fine appreciation of Mr. Humphrey's story "John Castner" which he found to be "intensely interesting." saying:

"It is a document most worthy of preserving for the present and future generations. It also seems to settle the fact that cannon balls were actually cast in Oxford for the Revolutionary cause. We are indebted to Mr. Humphrey, and great credit is due the Bulletin as being the means of bringing this important document to light for its many readers. At Washington's headquarters in Morristown is a cannon ball with a card attached stating that it was cast in Oxford. Whether it ever saw actual service or not it does not say, and while a minute examination was made it does not show any effects of ever having collided with a Hessian."

The Editor has heard many warm expressions regarding this story, and the installments were eagerly awaited. An extra large edition of these issues was made, but they have all been called for.

We have several other of Mr. Humphrey's Old Oxford Legends, and plan to run one of them in the paper before long.

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