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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 103
Hymn 48
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 312
Sermon
Hymn 281

Benediction

Prayer

."O God by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in the darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that thy light may guide us in the true and living way of life; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Being Loyal to Jesus at Home," is the topic for the young people's meeting tonight at seven oclock. Andrew Mehawk is to lead.

The Ladies Aid Society will have their covered dish luncheon next Wednesday at the home of Mrs Carroll Meyers; and the luncheon will be followed at 2.P.M. with monthly business meeting. This meeting will be important and all are urged to attend.

Next Sabbath will be Palm Sunday and will be observed in the morning hour worship.

Easter will be our Spring Communion day, with the welcome of new members, baptismal service, and special music by the Choir. Those who desire to enter our church or to receive baptism should notify the pastor.

The pastor is conducting a class for communicants, to give them proper instruction regarding the Sacraments and the meaning of Church membership.

Children of the age of twelve and up will be admitted to this class.

A numbre have already expressed their desire to receive this instruction.

The prayer meeting last Wednesday night was held in the home of Mrs Laura Seiple, and was a helpful and interesting service.

Next Wednesday night the service will be held in the church house and all parts of the community are asked to attend this preparatory service.

The pastor will speak upon Solomont great prayer at the dedication of the Temple, (I Kings 9). There will be special music and alarge attendance is expected. Let all who can attend and bring their friends and neighbors.

The Ladies Presbyterial will hold their annual meeting at Hackettstown. April 13th (Thursday). Representatives from all the Woman's Missionary societies will attend. There will be an all day meeting and a special evening meeting for the young folks. Last year many of our young people attended the evening meeting and were delighted with service.

Sunday School officers were chosen last Sabbath to serve during the year beginning today. They were as follows:

E.B.Foss, Superintendent Mrs. E.T.Green, Assistant Supt. Miss Ida Smith, Treasurer Alvin Renner, Secretary. Miss Elizabeth Zapp, Organist.

The ashes of Mr. George Hunt were interred in the family lot in the Hazen Cemetery last Thursday afternoon. His mother, Mrs Alice Hunt, Mr. and Mrs Willard Hunt of Rockaway were present. Also Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hornbaker, and Mrs Benjamin Green of Oxford. The service at the grave was conducted by the pastor.

Details of his death at Stockton Malifornia, are supplied in a letter to Mr. Willard Hunt from the funeral Director at Stockton, from which we are permitted to quote as follows:

"Mr. Hunt died from Broncho Pneumonia
March 15th, at the San Joaquin Hospital,
French Camp, On Mch.14th he became
suduenly ill and was taken to the emergency
Hospital, here, and was removed to the San
Joaquin General Hospital at 6.P.M. on the
same day. Funeral services were held from
our chapel, thence to Casa Bonita Crematory
Stockton, where cremation followed on Sat.
Mch.18th. We regret very much the bereavment of the family, for, from numerous sources
we have learned that he was a thoroughly
honest and upright gentleman."

Reunion in May

At the congregational meeting last
Friday night it was definitely decided
to hold a reunion on the seventieth
anniversary of the organization of the
Church. The time was not determined but
will be announced in next issue of the
Bulletin. However it will be on either
the 7th or the 14th of May, and if our
readers have any choice of dates let us
know immediately on receiving this copy.

a luncheon will be served in the Chapel at the nominal price of 25 cents, so that it will be in reach of all who desire to attend. The program will be announced in due time, but we will have the morning Worship service, and a platform meeting in the afternoon.

The action of the congregation was taken in response to many suggestions to the pastor, which indicates that the reunion will meet with the desires of the numerous former members of our Church and old citizens of Oxford.

We therefore request the assistance of all of them not only to plan to attend but to help advertise the gathering.

A letter from Mr. Clinton E. Weston puts the case forcefully. He writes:

"I have not heard whether definite arrangements have been made for a church reunion this year. If you are to have one my suggestion would be to give it as much publicity-continual publicity-as possible, and early enough for folks to make their arrangements a head of time...I think there is enough interest manifested abroad to warrant a large congregation but much depends on the advertising."

This announcement will convey the the notice of the reunion to more than fifty of our distant readers, and they can help by sending in the names and addresses of others which may occur to them, so that future issues may be mailed to them as well as this one. Also we welcome additional suggestions for the successful promotion of the reunion; both in respect to advertising it, and the program, speakers, music etc.

The Editor has just received word of the passing of Mrs. Lucie Dearborn, widow of Dr.George J.Dearborn, who was once an honored Elder of our Church. The death occurred last "ednesday, 29th, at Rockaway, N.J., with funeral Satuday. We hope to give a fuller notice next issue and request information from others.

The Furnace Explosion

The Editor has been trying to get ful details of the furnace explosion which happened on the evening of Friday, Sept. 25 1857. At least four men were killed, and several injured. The only contemporary information on the matter is found in the letter written at the time, and now in the possession of Mr. Humphrey. and written by Mr. George Scranton, one of the owners of the furnace. He gives the names of two of the victims, David Reese and George Champion, and states that two others died. The names of the latter were "Dutch" Licenberg, (first nume unknown), and Martin Murder. For these names were are indebted to Dr. G.O. Tunison, who obtained them from Mr. Henry Reese a few weeks ago. Mr. Reese is the son of David Reese, and at the time of his father's death, was eight years of age, and he was taken to raise by Mrs. Rebecca Hilbert. Mr. Reese lives in Washington, N. J and is in very feeble health.

Miss Jane Reese of Buttzville, is a granddaughter of David Reese, and from her we learn, that three of the victims were buried in Buttzville cemetery. These were doubtless Reese, Licenberg and Murder, as Champion's home was in N.Y.City.

Miss Reese says that the funeral service were conducted by the Rev. Henry Major.

This appears to be found out about this terrible accident, the worst in the history of the furnace. (See Bulletin, 140.)

We have received a note from Mrs. O.N.Perry, the only surviving charter member of our Church, which contains a warm greeting to our home, and a generous remittance for the Bulletin which she and the Maxwell family still enjoy. We trust her good health will long continue, and that we may soon have the great pleasure of seeing her again in Oxford.

We have received an interesting note from Miss Halena Stelter, of Perth Amboy, saying: "I was born and raised in Oxford, and visit there frequently. I saw last wee several of the Bulletins issued by your Church, which I would like very much to subscribe for, and would want the back numbers of the war issues of Geo. Washingto by Mr. Castner ... I was very much pleased in reading them, and learned a great deal from them. Sorry I have not heard of them sooner." Alas, Mr. Humphrey's fine story about John Castner has long been exhausted No copies remain. We may in time have to reprint it. But we shall soon run another equal inter-

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Doxology

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Psalm 118 sel.44

Hymn 71

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 90

Sermon

Solo

Hymn 93

Benediction

Prayer

"O all loving and patient Redeemer, who for our sakes was found in fashion as a man, humbling thyself and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; Grant the same mind to be in us as was in thee, that we may follow the example of thy great humility and patience, and also be made partakers of thy resurrection to the honor and glory of thy hely name, Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Young People's topic for tonight's meeting will be "Helping Others to Know Jesus." Develyn Miller will lead.

Easter Service.

Next Sabbath is Easter and the Holy Communion will be observed at the morning service. The Choir is preparing special music that will add greatly to the joy of the meeting. New members will be welcomed, and children and others baptized if presented. Let all the members and friends of the congregation attend this great annual remembrance of the rising from the dead of our Saviour.

The session will meet in the church before the church service to examine and receive new members.

Prayer Meetingnext Wednesday night in the church. This service will have for theme our Lord's prayer of consecration at the last Supper, -John 17.

Let all come to this service in the midst of Holy Week. We owe this to our Lord: and we need it for ourselves, to revive our languishing souls in holy contemplation and prayer.

The Ladies will hold their annual sale of home baked food next Friday and Saturday in Miller's store room. Also flowers as formerly bonh days.

The specialty will Clam Chowder which went so well a year ago. It will sell for 25 cents per quart, and will be ready early Friday morning. Please bring jars, or some containers. Baked articles will be specials for Saturday.

Reports of Annual meeting. Elder Edward T. Green was reelected for a term of four years. James Radel, Charles Dux and Charles Renner were chosen again for three years term as Trustees.

Lewis E. Green, the church Treasurer reported having received and disbursed nearly \$1100. (exact figures not at hand) The pastor received \$905, for the year.

The Lagies Aid reported \$316.85 receipts, and disbursed \$282.61.3alance \$34.24.

The Sunday School received \$204.11 and paid out \$193.08. Balance \$11.03.

Of this sum \$10. was given to National Missions; \$12. for coal; and \$5. for County Association. The rest was for 3choo! supplies etc.

The Young People's Society raised \$109.30 and disbursed \$75.39.

the total for the general benevolent Boards was \$60.

The Time set for the 70th Reunion is May 14th, and the notice last week has broughts card from Mr. and Mrs George Weber, which made them susceptible to the influin good season these days, and is very welcome, I assure you. Thile we greatly regret the 'passing' of our neighborsin the old Home town, and do sincerely sympathize with the bereft ones, we appreciate the news thereof. We are with Clin Weston as he remarks regarding 'giving much continual publicity as possible' to the plan for this 70th Reunion in what we s enjoy thinking our Church. We remember 2nd Sunday in May as 'Mother's Day, "so may be that is the day we would most like to be in our 'Mother Church' meeting.

We hope to be in our Jersey Home soon. So you know we will want to be with you all, there to enjog seeing each of you who can be there again to enjoy reminiscing'.

In this issue we begin another of Mr. Humphrey's old Oxford legends. It vill

Old Oxford Legends

The Burial Place of the Delaware Indians George 3. Humphrey

While the development of the great iron ore deposits in the Colonies which afterward became the United States was very slo nevertheless considerable progress was mad in a few localities, notably in Virgina, parts of New York and Northen Jersey: pig iron having been produced on what was then a considerable scale at Andover and Oxford Furnace, as early as 1742, or more than thirty years prior to the War of Revolutio

In those early days the smelting of ore was considered a "mystery" and only those who had received instruction from, and had worked under the supervision of the furnac men of Europe were considered capable of carrying on the industry in this country.

One can readily understand that this must have been the case, for there was at that time no literature on the subject; the theory of chemical reactions in the blast furnace was not even thought of:allknowledge of the subject being obtained by experience and transmitted verbally by the experts of one generation to those of the next. Consequently there were gathered around these early iron works artisans from the forests of Germany, Spain, Sweden and other parts of the old world, where the iron ores had been worked for centuries.

In additions to the manners and customs of their native lands, these men brought with them the legends and superstitions which have from time immemorial been associated with the working of all metals, ence of the wilderness in which the few American iron furnaces were located and quite ready to absorb the traditions relative to the aborigines, which were prevalent in those days; indeed the appearance of an old Indian at these primitive establishments was by no means a rare occurrance, and such visitors were always made welcome by the hospitable iron-worker:

All this led to a habit, which to this day continues to some extent. On cool nights, after the iron had been cast and the furnace filled, the workmen gathered about the warm hearth, refreshed themselve. with with such food as they had provided, not omitting a liberal allowance of "grog" of various kinds, and gossipped over the every day events of their lives; quite frequently one of their number would relate his own experiences in the "Old Country"

or repeat one of the legends which he had learned in his youth. These gradually merged into a body of lore, partly fact and partly imaginary, most of which has unfortunately been lost, having disappeared when when the crude furnaces were aband ned or replaced by more modern establishments, operated on entirely different lines.

The old furnace at Oxford was operated more continuously than any of the others; charcoal was used for fuel and the blast supplied by a quaint water wheel and leather or wooden bellows until about the time of the Civil War. It is not many years since there could be found, here and there, an old man, who had worked at the furnace when a boy, and who was familiar with the tales which used to be repeated before the genial fore-hearth.

It is a distinct loss to our American literature that so few of these legends were committed to writing, before they perished with the generation who could have furnished the material for putting them in permanent form.

The Oxford stories or legends were often connected with the Sykes Gap, a pas through the mountain range, perhaps a couplof miles east of the furnace, which even at this day is thickly wooded, and suggests the wilderness which charactized it 150 years ago or more.

There are several versions of the story of old Seyport, who fell asleep ther one night and was carried away by the gnomes and this I believe, "ith one excepti is the only legend which has ever been put The one which I am about into writing. to relate was told me by an old man at Oxford when I was a boy and has, I am quite sure, never been made public,

About 1760 there was employed as a charcoal burner a Swede named Linstrom; who had come to these shores to join the swedish colony near Wilmington in Delaware But being of a roving disposition had found his way up the Delaware River and finally to Oxford. Like many of his countrymen he was of fair hair and complexion: he always wore his shirt open at the throat and constant exposure had given his face and breast a deep red color; so among his associates his real name was forgotten and he was known only as the "Red Swede". Upon his breast there was indellibly tatooed the figure of a tortoise; this of course was the cause of great interest and curiosity among his companions.

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Psilm 16 sel 3

Hymn 64

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem "Down in the Lilied Garden"

Offering

Hymn 104

Sermon

Trio "Easter Hymn" Mrs. Green

Mrs Pittenger, Mrs Hood

Welcome of new members

Hymn 239

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 57

Benediction

Prayer

"Almighty God, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus; Grant us power to rise with him to newness of life that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part in the resurrection of the just; through the merits of the same risen Javiour, who liveth and reigneth with thee for ever."

"What is the Meaning of Easter"?
is the subject of the Young People's
meeting tonight at seven oclock.
The leader is Helen Jnyder.

Miss Myrc Radel, who spent the winter in Virginia with her sister Mrs. H.J. Hardess, home again and all are glad to see her as usual. She has so long been an active member of our Church that her long absence has been very much felt. But Virginia air and food, judging from appearance, agreed with her very well

The becutiful cut flowers for the Church today were sent by Mrs. E.H.Ward from Hickettstown. It is an appropriate tribute of their love for the old home Church, and adds to our enjoyment of the Easter worship. The red tulips and white lilies typify the redeeming mercy of the Cross, and the pure glory of the risen Christ.

The 70th anniversary Reunion to be held on May 14th, the 2nd Sunday, is only four weeks away.

The plan for the day is to hold only two services- the morning hour of Worship and an afternoon meeting at which a number of former members and citizens of Oxford will be recalled with pleasant memories of persons and events of other days:

Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Weston have consented to speak at that time, and we hope others will also take part. We can be sure that all former ministers present will be ready to take part in the service.

This will be a platform meeting for all the public, and we expect to have with us the citizens of Oxford of .11 churches and they will be cordially welcomed.

Of course the messure of success and enjoyment of the dry will depend on the presence of former members and citizens.

Most of them will learn of the plan from the Bulletin which is mailed to more homes, and is being sent to than sixty all whose address can be obtained. Many have already sent word of their intention to be present, and it will help greatly to interest others, if all who plan to come will send us word of purpose to attend.

The Bulletin is at your service to use for the good of the occasion. In a letter Mr. Humphrey remarks "I am sure that the affair will be of great interest; the Bulletin has renewed the affection which the former members feel toward the old Church, and I feel that many of them will make an effort to be present."

The Ledies of the Church will serve a noon luncheon for all on Reunion Sunday, and they will ask the small sun of 25cents to help pay for the materials.

Articles for the Bulletin have been received from Mr. Searing: Mr. Kempsey; and Mrs Evelyn Bodrow. Let others contribute, and we shall find a place for them as soon as possible. If necessary the size will be doubled to take care of all offerings.

The name of Mrs. Mary Dock er of Boundbrook, has been added to our regular mailing list. Like many others she has received occasional copies sent by friends and is she werives much pleasure from them we are glad to send them weekly.

Old Oxford Legends The Burial Place of the Delaware Indians By George S. Humphrey

(continued) But though they often importuned him to give them the history of the decoration and to explain its significance, he always refus to enlighten them even in the slightest Some of the men, however, who particular. take part. Old times will remembered the time when he first appeared at the furnace said that there was no such merk upon him then, and that they had first noticed it after he had mysteriously disappeared from among them one night, and that when he returned after an absence of severa days, he was wan and exhausted, and that soon afterwards they discovered the strange devion his breast. They wagged their heads and said that the evil spirits which dwelt in the forests of Sweden, and from which he had no doubt wished to escape when he crossed the seas, had followed him even here; and that they had placed this mark upon him for some crime committed in his youth. So, although they all liked him, they felt a certain drea of him and believed that he had secret dealings with the under world. This they though accounted for his being the best charcoal burner in the whole region; for the evil spirits in placing their mark upon him gave superhumn skill in this mysterious alchemy of transforming green smoking wood into radiant clear-burning coal.

One cool night, late in the month of June the usual gathering had taken place in from of the furnace, the Red Swede being one of the party. The talk seemed to lag and had settled into petty gossip of their personal affairs; some of the men had nearly fallen to sleep and others had gone out side in the glorious moonlight which flooded the whole The Swede had sat smoking his land scape. pipe in silence, his expression showing that he was paying no attention to the loose talk of the others and that his thoughts were far away from present surroundings. At last the furnace-keeper called to him saying,"Come Red, don't sit there glum as an owl, but wake up and tell us how you happened to have that picture on the front of you!" "Yes, yes," sai several others, "we've left you alone about it these many months; now out with it."

The Swede took his pipe from his mouth: walked out of the cast house; looked up at th moon; walked further away where he could see the pole star and the great dipperand coming back to the furnace said, "Yes, boys, I will.! The time is up!" With that he filled his pipe, sat down on the cinder run and began to talk. The men outside quickly returned the drowsy ones shook themselves, grog was

passed.pipes relighted and all were eager with attention. And this is what he told them. He flung open his shirt and holding a flaming torch so that all could see the figure of the tortoise tatoced in blue and contrasting sharply with his red skin.he said:

"You think this is a mark made by devils. I think it is the greates honor which any one living in these woods can possess, and now I will tell you how it came to me. Ten years ago tonight, the moon was like it is now, and the air was cccl. I was burning coal at the old camp in Sykes Gap with two or three others; some of whom are here still-others have gone. It was my turn to watch, and the others having gone to sleep in the hut, I sat near the pit with my back against a tree and my thoughts wandered to my boyhood life in Sweden, and the old mother and father I had left there long Through an opening in the tree tops I could see the sky, ... I though the moon was britt the northern lights were playing and I remembered how the country folk at home thought they saw in the waving streamers the wraiths of their fathers and grandfathers, and all those who had gone before them. I wondered if this were really true, and if my ancestars were looking down on me from behind those soft shifting, white and pink curtains. As the night grew cooler I thought I would mix a drink of grog, and went down to the spring for a cup of water: as I stooped over to get it I glanced toward the trail which leads thro' the Q.p. and was almost transfixed when in the bright moon light I saw, stalking along the path, a tall figure, who was like the Indians that sometimes wander into the cast house here. Another, and then another followed until in all seventeen The last two carried a sort had passed. of litter, on which was laid something covered with skin or blankets. The others carried bows and arrows and tomahawks, but no rifles. They surely must have known that we were burning charcoal, as the smell of the smoke, if nothing else, would have betrayed us; but they paid no attention to this as they passed silently along the trail. I was siezed with a wild desire to see what they were about to do, and so followed them, keeping at such as distance that they would not discover me.

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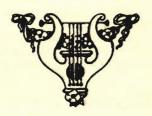
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Morning Worship

Doxology Invocation and Lord's Prayer Psalm 95 sel.35 Hymn 26 Creed and Gloria Scripture Lesson Prayer Anthem Offering Hymn 164 Sermon Hymn 282

Prayer

Benediction

"O Lord our Saviour and Guide, We pray thee to deliver us from the bondage and slavery of sin, and so to lead us through the ...iderness of this world, feeding us with the bread of heaven , and with water out of the smitten rock, and upholding us amid the swellings of Jordan, that we may enter at last into that rest that remains for the people who are faithful. "Amen.

"Do we Need to Worship?" is the topic for the young people tonight. James Moore is the leader.

In the Chapel tomorrow night there will be a meeting of the young people's Association of Warren County. After the business session there will be a social hour, with a program of entertainment, games, and refreshments. No admission fee, and all our young folks are urged to attend.

The Easter Services last Sabbath morning were impressive. A large number were present, and over 80 partook of the Lord's Supper. The music by the Choir was beautiful and well rendered. Flowers and ferns added to the attraction of the place. There were several stranger and visitors who were very welcome.

The following persons were received into the Church took their first Communion:

> Edward T. Green . Jn. Dorothy M. Trimmer Kathryn Nelson Mildred Sadlon Bertie Chettaire

Two of them, Ldward Green, and Dorothy Trimmer, are the children of Elders of our Church.

Reunion May 14th The plans for the second Sabbath of May are about complete. We can promise an interesting program that will appeal to

The afternoon meeting will be given up to them to do the talking several have ced when heard from. Interest in the occassion is indicated by reports that reach us from many sources. The Ladies who are preparing the luncheon request that as many as can attend send word to

They will serve a good substantial lunch for 25 cents-b rely the cost of materials. Send us a card and ask others to do so, who may desire to come.

is Hope, N. J. I am located near Oxford. I remember when a boy the sky would light and dumped on the cinder bank at Oxford

days." It is good news to us to know Mr. with us very often.

An echo from China

When Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hosgland were teaching in China thirty years ago, they became interested in a Chinese youth who was in Mr. Hoagland's S.S.Class; and when they returned home in 1917 they brought this young man with them, expecting him to go to France with Mr. Hoagland. But the var ended before they went, and the young Chinaman ion here before returning. For many years he taught in different universities in China, concerning which he writes to the former Mrs. Hoagland, now Mrs Bogart saying

"All these years of working, I am sorry to say, that my saving is none. Just because an arrow over the surface of the water and the government owes the university for the salaries of the professors. For this reason they bowed themselves, rose again and then the government owes me about ten thousand dollars, and the other teachers are in the same situation." Which sounds much conditions in America.

He adds respecting his love for America, "I am homesick about America, and I like to see somthing that reminds me."

He is married and has - promising son who expects to finish his education in this country. te are indebted to to Mrs. Dr. L. B. Hoagland for these letters.

Old Oxford Legends By G.S. Humphrey The Burial Place of the Delaware Indians (continued)

The march was not long for they soon stopto old Oxford citizens and Church members, ped near a great rock in the Gap, and after a short search removed some undergrowth near its base, then pulled away some of the stones promised to speak and more will be annound to my great surprize they uncovered an opening which led into a great cavern under the rock. While they stood near the entrace the two with the litter went inside _nd returned without their burden. Then I re_lized they mus have brought the body of one of their great the Bulletin, so that they may plan wisely men inorder to place it in the burial place of the tribe. One of them carried into the grave a bow with several arrows, tomchawk, en earthen pot which I supposed contained food, and the shell of a tortoise. After thi was done they all stood in front of the cay In a note Mr. Searing says; - "My address with bowed heads, then, replacing the stone. and covereing them with earth and growing ferns, they resumed their march at a much up about 3 P.M. My grandfather told me it quicker step, so that with difficulty I would was from the cinder drawn from the furnace keep up with them. As we came to the elecring near the swamp at the end of the Gap, I 9 miles away. It would last a few minutes, sow the great dipper swing above the Pole I spent one third of my life in Oxford, star with the two pointers straight over it, and look back and think of them as bright as they were tonight when I looked at them.

the dawn soon began to appear, and by the Searing lives so near We hope to have him time we had reached the Clear Pond there was a bright gleam in the Last. We came to the big rock, and I hid behind some bushes to say what they would do. They laid their bows and arrows on the ground, and threw off the skins which had covered their shoulders, making themselves bare to the waist. In the growing light I saw that each of them had the figure of a tortoise tatoged on his breast. Then they all stood on the big reck overlooking the the Pond toward the mountains on the other side, and I knew decided to get a college educat- they were writing for the sunrise. The birds vere singing in the tree tops, the water lay below without a ripple; the Indians stoad motionless, and I locked in wonder at it all.

Suddenly a brilliant spot appeared over the mountain and a ray of light shot like shown upon those silent figures. Slowly dropped to their knees, remaining in that position until the entire disc of the sun Then they stood up, bowed was visible. their heads once more, and picking up thoir weapons returned to the trail.

One of the a without hesitating came to the place where I was hiding and led me to the group before the tallest whom I supposed to be the chief. I was paralized with fear, and fully expected that one of

the (see next page)

young braves would be ordered to crush my head with the tomahawk. But the chief looked at me with a kindly expression, and I began to hope that my life would be spared. At a wave of his hand the others formed a ring and sat down on the ground, leaving us two standing in the midst.

Then he said to me in good English. "Brother: you thought that none at the spring in the Gap and that we knew not that you were following us in the trail but the eyes of a Delaware are like those of the eagle and the owl; we can see cleary either in the daylight or in the darkest night. Some of young men have seen you at the furnace, and while your hair is light and your eyes are blue, yet your skin is red like ours. You love the wild forests and the stars in the heavens; so you are again like us, and we said, Why should not our brother be with us when we carry out our ancient customs?' So we let you follow us. And now we will tell you about it, and also receive you into our tribe and the Clan of the Tortoise. Alas! our members are fewer every year, and we fear that the time is not far distant when there will be none left to do honor to the memory of our great chiefs who have gone before us to the Hunting Grounds which the Great Spirit has provided for us. Last night ve placed in the grave of his fathers the body of Moquenocka, the Little Bear, who is the last of our tribe who was born among these hills and who hunted the deer through the valleys and fished in these clear brook: before before the white men discovered them.

We have carried over the long trail from our villages on the Susquehanna in order that it might rest in this beautiful land which he has always loved. Never again will the body of a Delaware be laid in that cavern, and we praythat the sacred spot may never be violated. You saw us bow down and worship as the rising sun cast its beams over the pond and the forest. For hundreds, of years our fathers have come to this place when the sun had finished his journey to the North and was about to retrace his cours to the South. Here they worshipped, not the Sun, but the Great Spirit; for as the sun gives us heat and causes the trees to bud and the birds to sing, so the Great Spirit gives life to his children and showers his blessings upon them.

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