

The Bulletin
OF THE
Oxford Second
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
Christ Jesus
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.
The Annual Business Meeting comes in last week of March.

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Morning Worship

Voluntary "Romance" Violin, Chris Seiple
Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 24
Anthem by Choir "The Songs My Mother Sang"
Hymn 26
Creed and Gloria
Flute solo "Fantasie" Earl D. Held
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Solo "I Heard the Voice of Jesus"
Mrs. F. B. Schoonover
Offering
Trio "Serenade" Miss Olive Held
at the piano.
Hymn 129
Sermon Rev. Frank B. Schoonover
Solo "Mother of Mine"
Mrs. F. B. Schoonover
Hymn 195
Benediction

Luncheon served in the Chapel
by the Ladies Aid Society to which all
are invited. A nominal charge of 25 cents
is made for expenses.

There will be time for the meeting of
old time friends and social intercourse.

Popular Meeting at 2 P.M.
Addresses by former Oxford citizens
and others may volunteer or be called on.

The following Program will be
carried out, but is subject to changes
according to circumstances.

Music by the Seiple family
Hymn 149
Prayer
Anthem by Choir
"This Wonderful Friend of Mine"
Offering
Music by Chris Seiple
Hymn 164
Addresses
George J. Humphrey
Clinton E. Weston
Mrs. Dr. Lindsay S. B. Hadley
Solo "My Ain Countree"
Mes. Frank B. Schoonover
Open Meeting
Closing Hymn 370

The 70th Anniversary of the organization of our Church is the object of our Reunion today. Former members from various places have gathered with us to pay their tributes of loving memory to the Church of their youth and early life; and to renew friendships born of happy associations in other days. To them this is the old home Church, which they loved of old and still cherish in their hearts.

A few of their former friends still survive and abide in Oxford to welcome them; how many have gone to await their coming in the eternal home! The unseen cloud of witnesses hover invisibly in this presence, and bless us with their heavenly benedictions.

The old home Church welcomes the return for even a day of former children and members, who from time to time went forth at the call of Providence to abide elsewhere. May their Pilgrimage give joy to their hearts and refresh their spirits!

The Editor has a very interesting letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Hummer, and tho' it is marked "not for the Bulletin", yet we venture to quote some sentences that will interest our readers. Looking forward to meeting here today many old friends she laments, "I shall miss one though, very much, and that is Mrs. George Searing. She and I used to sing together very often at the Endeavor meetings etc.; there were four of us who generally sang, and all but she are living. Her death was sudden and sad to me as we were schoolmates and lived not far apart in Oxford. She surely was a lovely Christian character and every body loved her."

"I was quite young when I came to Oxford with my parents and other families. The Westons were my uncles, as my mother was a sister to the three men there. But I am the only one left of my father's family. Father, mother and a brother are buried on the Hill in Oxford, and my two other brothers are also gone.

So I am the only survivor of the Sparrow family, and I sometimes feel very lonely, only for One who said "I will never leave nor forsake thee," so I am trusting in that faith."

Mrs. Hummer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sparrow came from Taunton, Mass. in the early seventies, as our old record show they were received into church in 1875, and Mrs. Hummer in 1877. Mr. Sparrow died in January 1876.

Miss Rosalie Sarson, in sending her great regret at her inability to attend the reunion today, writes pleasingly of her old Oxford recollections, saying:-

"The Bulletin has been so interesting with its glimpses of Oxford's past.

"I am grateful for Mr. Humphrey's articles. His furnace folk-lore is fascinating and completes a cycle for me. We often visited the Cast-house at night to see the 'casting done. In memory I can still hear the heavy hammers striking the bar which opened the flow of molten iron, and can see the sparks flying as the liquid filled in bed after bed that had been prepared in the sand.

"Later the slag-filled cars were drawn out on the cinder dump, and wearing heavy wooden soled shoes, the men sprinkled sand on the cooling iron in the beds and walked over them loosening the 'Pigs', afterwards loading them on waiting cars.

"The Indians left in the vicinity must have wondered even more about it all in the early days. How reverently they conducted their burial at dawn in Mr. Humphrey's story!

I have rather looked for a write-up of the campaign meetings held in the cast house of the Revolutionary furnace along the road near the Fowler House.

"The old 'Wigwam' with its gallery railing trimmed with flags and bunting. The Luken's Orchestra from the rear Gallery playing 'Grandfather's Clock', and 'Wayside Chapel' -

the guest filled stage at the opposite end, including the speaker, one of whom, John Jarred, by name, I think, who gave me my first lesson in the principles of a protective tariff.

We may have lived in a primitive way as far as 'things' go nowadays, but it seems to me we had contact with most of the worthwhile pleasures and inspirations of life."

charter
Mrs. O. N. Perry, the only surviving member of our Church, cannot be with us today but says in a note to the Editor "As I recall my pleasure in the former reunion I feel sure you will have a very interesting and happy day next Sunday when members and friends gather in the Second Presbyterian Church. I would like very much to be there.. and greatly regret that I cannot hear our esteemed friend Rev. Mr. Schoonover preach and his dear wife sing. Also that I cannot meet and talk with the old friends and their children, but I send my kindest regards. Best wishes for a bright day with large attendance at the services and many helpful results from the reunion go to your church at this time."

The Oxford Iron Works in 1876

By G. S. Humphrey

The Bulletin is permitted to quote the following summary of the Oxford iron industries which he wrote to his mother at Ithaca, N. Y. on March 9th, 1876.

"The works consist of two iron mines, one with two shafts 186 feet deep, the other with one about 100 ft. The ore yields about 50% iron in the furnace and some specimens will analyse much higher.

The quality is of the best, some of it is well adapted for making steel, and the supply is practically inexhaustible.

There are two blast furnaces, one 60 ft high by 18 feet 'bosh', the other (built in 1742 and standing on the original foundation) is 35 by 10 feet. The capacities are about 30 and 14 tons a day respectively.

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The Nail Mill contains 99 nail machines besides the necessary machinery for polishing etc. The capacity is about 1000 kegs daily, but the product falls short being something over 200,000 last year, - as the mill doesn't run every day.

Then there is a machine shop where all our own repairing and a great deal of manufacturing is done; a stove mill and a cooper shop where the kegs are made from the raw material. A large store house for keeping manufactured nails, a foundry with two cupolas, blacksmith shops, wagon shops and every thing necessary, so that we do all our own work.

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The whole number of men employed is from 750 to 800 - quite a little army....

I was over at the new furnace at the afternoon cast and while standing in front of the 'tap hole' a little piece of iron such as always fly out in a shower of sparks when the iron isn't of first-rate quality, struck me in the neck and got down against my shirt band and stuck there. It was just like sealing wax and seemed as if it was going clear through to the other side."

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