

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
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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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Elders—Abram Pittenger, Elisha B. Foss, Edward T. Green, Lewis Bergenback.

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The Morning Worship Hour is given over to the Sunday School for the annual Childrens' Day exercises, for which special programs are made.

Prayer

"Eternal Father, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength; Reveal thyself unto our children, we beseech thee, and grant them an entrance into thy heavenly kingdom; that, being born again of the Spirit and taught by the Lord Jesus Christ, they may grow up before thee in purity of heart and innocency of life, until they come unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Amen."

The topic for the Young People Tonight will be "Our Father's World," with Alvin Renner the Leader.

The monthly business meeting with election of officers will follow and a social time in the Chapel with refreshments will add to the interest of the occasion.

The Ladies Aid Society held their monthly meeting in the Chapel last Wednesday. The resignation of the President, Mrs. Charles Renner was accepted with great regret, which was made on account of failing health. She was given however, the office of Honorary President, as an expression of the high esteem in which she is held, and for the long and faithful service as President.

Mrs. Benjamin Green was chosen for the active President. The treasurer was directed to pay \$90. to the Church treasurer to be applied to the salaries of the Pastor and Janitor.

Mr. L. W. Hoagland has kindly sent the Bulletin a dollar to help along. He is one of our regular readers, and we hope he will soon contribute an article for us.

Miss Martha W. Peterson sends money for mailing the paper for a year to her sister, Mrs. Fred W. Thomas, of Irvington, N. J. "She has always been interested in the Presbyterian Church and enjoys reading the Bulletin so much." Many thanks!

Old Oxford Days
The Company Store
By. Clinton E. Weston
(concluded)

The following letters from Professor Bradley Stoughton, in charge of the department of Metallurgical Engineering in Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., will be read with very great interest. In a letter to the Editor, May 30th, the Professor says:

"In the May issue of Nickel Cast Iron News, I see an account of the Oxford furnace. I am now preparing a revision of my book entitled THE METALLURGY OF IRON AND STEEL, of which about forty thousand copies have been sold mostly as a textbook in colleges. I should like very much to include a picture of the old Oxford furnace. If you would be kind enough to let me know where I could purchase such a picture, I should appreciate it very much and should, of course, take pleasure in acknowledging in the forthcoming book your help in this connection."

The Editor gladly sent a number of pictures taken last year, and given him by Mr. George S. Humphrey, and along with them a sketch of the furnace's history, and a reference to our attempt to preserve the furnace for the future. Also an invitation to visit the furnace. In reply Prof. Stoughton writes (June 6th); -

"I am indeed grateful to you for the splendid pictures of the Oxford charcoal furnace. I think I shall use the small one which shows the remains of the furnace and what appears to be the charging house."

I am asking the printer to make this into an electrotpe at once and then return it to you. I shall take pleasure in calling attention to the fact that it is through your courtesy I received this picture and the interesting information regarding it, which I shall include as a legend underneath the picture in the book. You will be interested to know that the use of hot blast in a blast furnace was invented by James B. Neilson and first employed in England in the year 1828.

I travel not very far from Oxford when I drive from Bethlehem to New York, and I shall endeavor to come in and make your acquaintance and talk with you regarding the preservation of this old monument.

I believe the best way to get at this would be to ask for a grant from the American Iron and Steel Institute or some one of the blast furnace associations of this country. Doubtless it will be better to do this when industrial conditions are somewhat better.."

All who are interested in the preservation of the old furnace will be delighted with Prof. Stoughton's help.

In the center of the store, at the left, was the entry desk where most of the trouble and excitement started. I can vouch for this as I was there in 1886, 1887 and part of the year 1888. At this desk various times were, Charles Shannon; Wyman Staley; William Cooke; Irwin Quick; James Loder; Louis Stout; Rev. Apgar; George Weber; C.E. Weston; Charles Hobbs and others. During my administration I put in a requisition for a safe, and what finally arrived was a relic of the dim and distant past, - about 3 feet high and 2 feet wide, and was locked with a key which was probably a copy of the one to the Bastille, for it weighed about two pounds. What to do with the key was a problem, but it was finally decided to keep it on a hook above the safe. Most customers had pass books in which purchases were entered, and at the end of the month these books were left at the desk to be checked and have missing purchases entered, and the dispute over these entries were many and vigorous. The entry clerk had to make change and balance the cash account every night. He weighed all the coal that was carted in teams from a scale just outside. Harvey Stout was the packer up stairs, and one day as Daddy Faulkner was driving on the scales, some one dropped an over ripe pear which struck him on the shoulder. Scenes quickly followed, with Daddy entering the store with his black snake whip, going quietly up stairs, and then a commotion with Harvey going down several stairs at a time, wondering what all the fuss was about.

In the center of the Store at the right was the Store-Keeper's office. The rear of the store was the grocery department.

The successive clerks in this department were Walter Koons; William M. Gray; Mr. Kerns; Robert Lay; Charles Sutton; Wyman Staley; Hixon Jay; William Fletcher; Charles Shannon; Milton La Hommedieu; Fred'k Fowler; George Wilson; Fred Bigelow; James Loder; Arthur Winkly; and Daniel Thomas. This department carried a fine line of groceries and tobacco. The delivery wagon was manned by David Shannon; Charles Lanning; and James O'Brien. The grocery Department was built in 1873. The porter at one time was Fred Bigelow and later Louis Dalberg. The night watchmen were Barney Nilan; William Searing; and Chris Zapp. In the Basement was a Butcher shop run by Thomas Kempsey. (over)

(The Company Store)

A memorable day was the blizzard of March 12, 1888. The roads were all blocked with snow and few people came in, though we were all at the store. We furnished many barrels of provisions for the men opening up the railroad.

Adjoining the store on the east was the main office and the employees there at various times were, Selden Brown Hill; Robert Willever, Mr. Mattox; E. T. Lukens; Isaac F. Ward; George Humphrey; Samuel Cooper; Edward Perkins; Andrew M. Ryan; William Repp and others.

On Wednesday evenings the store would close early to give those who wished, an opportunity to go to prayer meeting.

In the summer some of us would go to Green Pond for a swim, taking a lunch.

Once we found that the lunch had been removed and the basket filled with chloride of lime and a variety of stones. On winter evenings we would have skating parties and on return to the store would find a hot oyster stew prepared by Chris Zapp.

My first position at the entry desk was an education in human nature which I have found to be a most useful requisite in the following years, and the credit therefor goes to my early experience in the Company Store.

(Some of the above names were furnished me by Fred'k Fowler.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Hummer in a note to the Editor adds a word about the Reunion:-

"I want to say here also that I enjoyed every minute of the day at the reunion.

Hope it will not be the last one for us all. It sure seemed so lovely to see the dear friends again, and all so happy to be there. The Church looked so lovely and home like; and the ladies deserve a lot of credit for their lovely lunch. Hope we may all be spared to meet again next year.

These words I came across and made me think of the love I have for my home and Church at Oxford:-

"I have a little inward light, which still
All tenderly I keep, and ever will.

I think it never wholly dies away;
But oft it seems as if it could not stay,
And I do strive to keep it if I may.

My days and years at Oxford.

The Pastor is grateful for a brief call from Mr. C. E. Weston and mother with some friends, leaving a donation to the Bulletin expense fund.

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