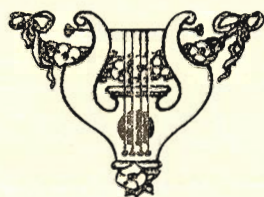


The Bulletin

OF THE

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OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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Pastor

*Be careful for nothing; but in everything
by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your
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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.

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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
Psalm 107 sel 39
Hymn 63
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 193
Sermon
Hymn 368
Benediction

Prayer

"Almighty God, defend our land, we be-
sech thee, from the secret power and the
open shame of great national sins.

From all dishonesty and civic corruption;
from all vainglory and selfish luxury;
from all cruelty and the spirit of violence
from covetousness which is idolatry; from
impurity which defiles the temple of the
Holy Spirit; and from intemperance which is
the mother of many crimes and sorrows;—
Good Lord deliver and save us, and our
children, in the land which thou hast
blessed with the light of pure religion;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and King."

The Holy Communion will be observed
next Sabbath at the Morning worship, and
members of the Church will want to be
present at the Lord's Table. Friends and
visitors who love Christ and the Church are
cordially invited to join with us in the
season of spiritual refreshment.

Baptism will be administered to infants
and adults if presented for that sacred
rite. New members will be received and
welcomed. Those applying for this end
should speak to the pastor before hand
and meet with the Session before the Church
service begins.

The time for the Sunday School
picnic has been set for the 19th, of July,
(Wednesday). Butler's Park is the place
and arrangements have been made with the
manager for the convenience of our School.

The Bulletin acknowledges postage
money from Mrs. Catherine B. Zapp, of
Newark, N. J. Also from Mrs. Alico Hunt
and William Hornbaker. The two latter
should have been noted three months ago,

Last Sabbath the Pastor and wife had the pleasure of attending the 87th birth-day anniversary of William Frome, at Montana. About fifty persons, friends relatives and neighbors gathered at his home, bringing with them bountiful supplies for dinner, which was served on tables on the lawn. This is an annual event that gives the greatest joy to Mr. Frome and his devoted sister Ellen.

Mr. Frome is in very poor health, and quite helpless, wholly dependent upon the ministrations of his sister.

Among the relatives present were:- his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Frome, and her son William with his wife, also her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Caleb Frome—all from Washington, I. J., Mr. and Mrs. Austin Frome of Camden, and Mr. Ransaville Frome, of Merchantsville. These latter are the sons of Thomas, brother to William and Ellen Frome.

Mr. Searing supplies us with a news paper clipping, containing an account of the funeral services of Mr. E. C. Perkins and dated March 26th, 1897. The services were from the Church, the lodge of F. and A. M. were in attendance with a great multitude of friends. Revs. Maxwell and Cline officiated. "They gave an eloquent and moving portrayal of his life. While there are yet loving and lonely hearts left in the home, precious memories will ever be cherished of him who has 'crossed the bar', and the crown of victory won. Who now knows the blessedness of those who are permitted to enter the golden gates.

"He was self sacrificing in all things, fervent in spirit, and always serving the Lord. Mrs. Perkins has lost a devoted husband and the five children a kind and loving father, the Presbyterian church a faithful trustee, and the congregation will hereafter fail to hear his strong and sweet base voice, which could be heard in the choir each Sabbath day. The remains were taken to Taunton, Mass., for interment."

Mrs. E. C. Perkins still survives at advanced age, and lives with her son Edwin, in New Haven, Conn. The Bulletin sends the greetings of her old Oxford friends who will read this item.

Mrs. Dr. L. B. Hoagland last Sabbath received the sad news of the sudden death of her brother, David J. Post at Hartford Conn. The funeral was on last Wednesday. Mr. Post was an eminent person with an international reputation.

Jonathan Robeson

Miss Evelyn Badrow has furnished us with a transcript of the chapter on Oxford Furnace from Mr. Charles S. Boyer's book, 'Early Forges and Furnaces in New Jersey.' In Bulletin No. 137 we gave a summary of the chapter with a few quotations, but omitted the biographical account of Robeson who was the founder of Oxford Furnace. This account is probably accurate, but Mr. Humphrey has a volume devoted to the Robson family, and can, if he finds errors in it, make corrections for us.

"Oxford Furnace was considered a Philadelphia enterprise. It was located in what was then called the 'Town of Greenwich,' on a branch of the Pequod creek, and was built in 1741 by Jonathan Robeson of Philadelphia.....

"The Robeson family was one of the earliest to settle in West Jersey, where several members took an active part in civil affairs. Andrew Robeson, Sr., and his nephew, Andrew, Jr., came to New Jersey in 1676; the uncle having purchased, while still a resident of Clonmel, Ireland, a full share of Propriety of West Jersey, in Feb. 1676. Andrew, Jr., settled on land in Gloucester county in the vicinity of Clonmel Creek, where several of his children, including Jonathan, were born. When Jonathan was twelve years old (1702) his father moved to Philadelphia, and in 1716 took up his residence near Amity, in the vicinity of Manatawny Creek, which joins the Schuylkill about 35 miles above Philadelphia. A few years later Andrew Robeson, Jr., became associated in the iron business with Thomas Potts, who had married his sister. The son, Jonathan, followed in the footsteps of his father and was given under the latter's will 'One thousand acres of land and plantation whereon I now live and all the impertinences thereunto belonging.'

He was thus well equipped to conduct the new furnace at Oxford... both from the point of experience and from the fact that he was financially able to carry it through.

During Jonathan Robeson's residence in Pennsylvania he was quite active in the politics of that state, serving as a member of the Colonial Assembly with William Allen from 1730 to 1738. In 1738 he was a member of the Court of Common Pleas. He retained his residence in Penn. for several years after building the Oxford furnace." (About 1750 he moved to Kingwood, Hunterdon, Co., N. J. where he purchased land and apparently lived there until death.) "Jonathan was a

prominent member of the Society of Friends, and when he moved to Hunterdon County became associated with the Bethlehem Monthly Meeting, later known as the Kingwood Meeting. Several subsequent deeds describe him as of Kingwood and as living on premises for sale in Kingwood."

(In 1749 Jonathan sold $\frac{3}{4}$ of his land and furnace in Oxford to Dr. William Shippen, of Philadelphia, who was likewise a Quaker of a very prominent family, and about 1756 Dr. Shippen bought the rest of Robeson's interests in the furnace.

However Robeson built and operated a Forge at Changewater, using iron from Oxford Furnace. The furnace remained in the Shippen family for 43 years, then, in 1809, it was repurchased by the Robeson family through Morris Robeson, grandson of Jonathan.) "He spent the summers in the old homestead (Foller House), but later permanently moved to Oxford. Morris took and active interest in civic affairs and became a judge of Sussex County, president of the County Agricultural Society, and was active in banking institutions. At his death in 1823, his widow Tacy—sister of his partners, John and Joseph Paul—became his executor. In 1824, she endeavored to have the County Seat established at or near Oxford. To this end she publicly offered to give to the county two acres of land on the road leading from Oxford Furnace to Bethlehem, Pa., together with \$5,000. in cash, payable in thirty days after the completion of the public buildings, and water for use of the same, without expense forever; except of logs or other means of conveying the water'.

The election which was held on the third Tuesday in April 1825, however, declared in favor of Belvidere." (In 1839 the Furnace and properties belonging to it passed out of the Robeson family, when purchased from them by the Scrantons.)

The Editor would like to know just where was the road from Oxford to Bethlehem as above mentioned? Washington ave?

Another interesting reference is to log water pipes. We have been told that the original water mains were actually made of logs with holes bored through them. Our informant told us that remains of log mains of this kind have been dug up not so long ago. If any more should be found, they should be kept for historic relics. They would certainly be very interesting mementoes of primitive water works.

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