

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.

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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 27 sel. 8
Hymn 33
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 218
Sermon
Hymn 195
The Lord's Supper
Benediction

Prayer

"O Lord and Shepherd of our souls,
Lead us and guide us unto thy holy hill,
and bring us together with sweet converse
to the place of prayer, to hear thy word
of truth in the spirit, to offer sacrifice
of praise with thy people, and to make
melody in our hearts with the songs of
Zion. Bless thy churches every where this
day with the clear shining of thy Presence
that thy Spirit may descend on many
hearts to their joy and salvation. Amen."

The men's Bible Class of the
second Presbyterian Church, of Belvidere
will conduct a service of song and praise
in our Church Sunday night, July 23rd,
two weeks from tonight. They have a
male chorus of over thirty voices, under a
special trainer, and this chorus will
render several numbers, beside lead in
the congregational singing.

There are 175 men in the Class, and are
all active Christian workers. They say, at
least 75 of them will attend this meeting,
and probably many more. Their purpose
is purely in the interest of religious
welfare, and to stir up men to work in
the church. They come without money and
without price. It will be a rare
treat for us. Can we not get out more
men to hear them than those who come from
afar?

The PICNIC of the Sunday
School will take place Wednesday July
19th, at Butler's Park. Transportation
both ways will be provided for all who
want to go. Non-members of the school will
be charged 25 cents for round trip.

As in former years the Bulletin will not be published in August. The Pastor will then be on vacation, and expects to spend part of the time visiting in the Middle West. He is a native of Indiana, and spent 15 years in Cincinnati, and as he spent most of his life in that region it has many attractions for him, apart from near relatives and friends.

Apart from the summer vacations, the Bulletin has been printed regularly each week for the nearly four years of its life, which, as the Pastor does all the work himself, is a record for which he is deeply grateful, and has been possible through continued good health and the constant help and encouragement of the many friends of the little paper. It will, of course be resumed, Deo Volente, in September.

There will be three more issues in July, in which will appear another of Mr. Humphrey's "Old Oxford Legends"; an Indian story called "The Adventures of Nicholas Van Zandt."

The time of the story is about 1760, and like the former tales of this series is instructive and interesting.

We are glad to receive the subscription of another old Oxford citizen, Mrs. Kathryn Shafer of Phillipsburg. It was handed to us by Miss Ruth Snyder with the following note: "She is the mother of the Rev. Clark Shafer of Finesville, and was a resident of Oxford for many years. At this time she is living with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Quick, of Phillipsburg/

She is in her 89th year and is in good health. She enjoys the Bulletin very much and in time wishes to tell you something about Oxford while she lived here."

In the afternoon of July the fourth, during the absence of the Pastor and family Mr. C.H. Brigham of Hartford Conn. called at the Manse and left his card with a note saying "Just driving through the old town. Sorry not to have seen you. My mother, Mrs. D.F. Brigham, enjoys your church paper very much."

Mr. Brigham is vice-President of the F.F. Small & Company, Inc. Insurance. We are greatly disappointed in having missed the pleasure of meeting Mr. Brigham, and thank him for the courtesy of his call, and hope he will soon come again.

The Bulletin sends the greetings and good wishes of our many readers who were their friends of old, to Mr. Brigham and his aged mother.

Mr. Searing sends a clipping from his old and capacious Scrap Book, containing a memoir of Mrs. Ellen Scranton, who passed to her reward on December 29th, 1897 at the house of her brother-in-law, in Wyoming, Pa.

"Mrs. Scranton had gone to her old home and the home of her father, to spend the holidays. She was apparently in her usual good health on Christmas. On Sunday (26th) she attended church and on returning began to complain of not feeling well. Symptoms of Pneumonia soon developed and she rapidly grew worse until her death, which occurred the next Wednesday.

"She died among her old friends and amid the scenes of her early days, endeared to her by sacred associations. She was the daughter of the late William Henry, a grand son of Major William Henry, who served under General Washington...

"Seldon T. Scranton and Ellen Henry were married September 3, 1839. In 1889 they celebrated their golden Wedding at their home in Oxford.

"Though being introduced to pioneer life of that enterprise with its wild and mountainous surroundings, Mrs. Scranton was one of the gentlest and kindest of persons

"This nature was shown in look and manner, and throughout her long, active and useful life. It was the greatest pleasure of her life to clothe, feed and care for the poor and suffering. The families of all who know her well 'rise up to call her blessed.' She was for nearly all her life a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a devout and consistent Christian.

She was always an active worker and a liberal contributor to the Church. The Scranton home was a saint's rest for ministers of the Gospel and Christian people." The funeral was held in Oxford and burial at Belvidere Cemetery.

Mrs. Scranton retained her membership in our church until death, being one of the Charter members, of May 8th, 1863, but she with Mr. Scranton were received by letter from Scranton, Pa. into the little group who worshipped in the old Stone Chapel, on the 17th of April, 1860.

All that we have heard or read in the many references to Mrs. Scranton, in letter to the Bulletin, confirm this high estimate of the life and character of Mrs. Scranton, and it is a privilege to recall her good name, with its beautiful associations, by printing the above Memoir.

More About the Tunnel

By Patrick Kempsey

In building the Tunnel the engineers found a dangerous situation because several hundred feet were what is termed quick sand or soft ground, which can be plainly seen in the large cut at the west portal.

It took a very great amount of timber to keep the ground from falling in, until the stone arch was put in place, which stands today as a model to look at.

Thousands of car-loads of stone and dirt were packed in above the false work, and in time the wood rotted and the ground settled from the surface, as can be seen today in the lane which leads to the Oram farm;--at that time the O.N. Perry farm. Mr. Perry was the first Agent at the Oxford Depot.

Work like that today would be kept from falling by compressed air, but no compressed air was in the market at that early day, although there was plenty of hot air then as now, but was not used in carrying heavy loads. But we must give much credit to those great men who had charge of the work, for they did it well with the hand hammers and drills and black powder, as dynamite was not in use.

The only bad thing about the hammers and drills was that the poor fellow turning the drill by hand was often injured; as sometimes one of the fellows swinging the hammers, who perhaps had got but little sleep the night before from attending a dance, or in hunting for John Barley-corn, naturally his vision was just right, so he oftentimes saw two heads instead of one on the drill, and came down on the the poor fellow's hand who was doing the turning, and barking his hands in terrible shape, and sometimes breaking his wrist or arm, so that he had to stay around the boarding house until he was able to turn the drill again. But people were very good in those days, for no man was turned away from the boarding house while he was ill, and there were no compensation laws at that time. But when he got well and went to work again, as a rule he paid on his boarding bill all he could spare until all was paid.

(Mr. Kempsey says that Mr. J.H. Skinner was the Engineer for the "Jugtown" tunnel and that when he drove his test hole for the breaking through the tunnel he came within $7/8$ of an inch of the mark. He often drew maps of the tunnel on the black board and explained it to us at night school. Mr. Skinner was a noted scholar and a fine man."

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