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OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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*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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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

Doxology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 139 sol. 53  
Hymn 24  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 149  
Sermon  
Hymn 233  
Benediction

## Prayer

"O Searcher of hearts, Thou knowest us better than we know ourselves, and seest our sins which our sinfulness hides from us. Yet even our own conscience beareth witness against us, that we often slumber on our appointed watch; that we walk not always lovingly with each other, and humbly with thee; and we withhold that entire sacrifice of ourselves to thy perfect will, without which we are not crucified with Christ, or sharers in his redemption. O Look upon our contrition, and lift up our weakness, and let the dayspring yet arise in our hearts, and bring us healing, strength and joy. Day by day may we grow in faith, in self-denial, in charity, in heavenly-mindedness. And then, mingle us at the last with the mighty host of thy redeemed for evermore. Amen."

The Young People will have a meeting to-night at 7.P.M. "Friendly greetings," is the topic, and Mrs. Chas. Dux will lead. Plans for the future ved work will be talked over at the close. A large attendance is desired.

The Annual Chicken-Waffle Supper will given on Thursday, Sept. 28th, as was decided at the meeting of the Ladies Aid Society last Wednesday. Full notice will be given next issue.

Two weeks from to-day all services will be on Standard Time.

Our Church has been asked to conduct religious services at the Synodical Home next Sabbath after-noon.

Every where the Editor met business men in a trip to the west he was asked if in the east business had improved.

The only answer he could make was that there seemed to be some general gain, though not much more than was due to the summer season. There is naturally fear lest the improvement may not be permanent.

Distant readers of the Bulletin will want to learn how Oxford fares at this time.

And we have visited all the industries of our community, and talked with officers, and obtained some information of interest.

The Iron Mine has been in operation for month and furnishes employment for about 100 men. As Oxford's business state has always been gaged by the mine activities the general effect is very encouraging.

The Silk Dye Mill has been running for several months with a force of 140, but as their business has slackened lately the force has been reduced to 110.

The Silk Mill has but a small force at present and business is dependent on the general silk trade in the country.

The Enamel factory employes about 15 men and has operated more steadily than any of our industries.

The Quarry which gives work to 54 men when in operation has been idle for a month but reports indicate that work may be resumed before long. This however is not given out officially.

Compared with six months ago, this shows very substantial gain for community business, and employment has become better than for two years past.

This improvement is reflected in the state of local Emergency Relief for the needy and the unemployed.

Our admirable state management of Relief is working well in Oxford Town, under the careful direction of Jos. P. Lacey, Deputy Supt. He says that in the Spring 44 families were dependent on Relief, but that now only 12 to 14 receive help weekly. And all but three families work out their relief under the direction of Mr. Lacey, working on roads and in the Central School House.

The Fall meeting of Newton Presbytery will be held at Oxford 1st Church, in Hazen, Sept. 19th, 9:30 A.M.

Last Thursday Mrs. Luther Godschalk and daughter stopped at the Manse on their way home from a summer in Maine.

Mr. Henry Race has put in our hands a fine historical sermon on Oxford 1st Church, written and delivered by the Pastor in 1885, the Rev. S. Nye Hutchinson.

From it we extract the following interesting passage about Dr. Knighton, in whose pastorate Oxford Second Church began its independent life.

"The ministry of the Rev. Frederick Knighton, D.D. began Oct. 1854 and continued until May 1873- the longest in the history of the Church.

"He was a man of learning and ability. During the later years of his ministry his time and attention were much occupied in teaching.

No man, probably, ever preached in this church whose labors, on the Sabbath, were more abundant than his.

"Not seldom he preached four times a day; beginning here at the church he would make the circuit of the Furnace, Serepta, and Delaware; and while sometime he carried the Word by a friend in a vehicle, he most usually made it on foot.

"Dr. Knighton's labors during the first half on his ministry, when he gave himself more entirely to it, undisturbed by other avocations, was one of great success as judging by the roll of communicants.

"The two largest revivals ever occurring in the Church took place during this Period. Nor was his ministry barren in other respects. In 1855 the present brick edifice was erected, in the place, and on the site of the two preceding buildings. And in 1872, the stone wall around the church grounds was elaborately repaired and strengthened. Also the west end of the Manse was raised to two stories and covered with slate.

"During Dr. Knighton's ministry, on May 8th, 1863, took place the second great event in the history of the Church--the going forth of a colony to organized the 2nd. of Oxford.

"Dr. Knighton's ministry, judged by the record, must ever be regarded as one of the most memorable in the annals of this Church."

Oxford Second Church must always be grateful to the memory of Dr. Knighton who gave it a start and left upon it a deep impress of his noble Christian manhood. When our new church edifice was dedicated on January 31st, 1866, and the first pastor Mr. Cline, was installed Dr. Knighton presided at all services.

## Oxford Junior C.E. Society

Mr. Searing sends materials bearing on the work of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society in the middle nineties. It appears to have been a large organization for the kind, and all were active and devoted.

A copy of the minutes of the February 1895 meeting gives account of their interesting meetings. "Rev. Irving Maxwell the pastor, lead this meeting. Hymns were sung with prayer by the leader. Then Scripture lesson, and the Topic, 'Bible Punishment' was explained. Then all were invited to talk, and after another hymn there was a season of sentence prayers of which there were twenty. Mrs. Searing (who apparently was Supt. of the Society) explained to them what was called 'Comfort Bags', and asked them to help fill them and send them to mission fields, also to give what money could be spared for the same purpose."

Eva Zulauf was the secretary.

Mr. Searing in a note says that the Juniors were not urged to give but they had opportunity if they wished. It was pleasant to see them growing into the habit of giving. As soon as the collection amounted to three or four dollars it was sent to some mission with the "Comfort bags".

These gifts often brought them warm replies of gratitude. There is a letter from the President of a mission College in the Mountain region of Missouri, expressing his appreciation to the kind efforts of Mrs. Searing, and to the Juniors for their gifts which were used "in helping those who are trying to help themselves in the preparation for the Master's work."

A quaint and beautiful letter came from Mr. Anders Andreason, of Scotland Light Ship, off New York Harbor, and dated Feb. 25th 1895, and addressed to Miss Katie Zapp, who was probably President of the Society.

It runs thus " Dear little friend. I received your letter and bag of many nice things, and I appreciate the heart and the gift. "I am glad to hear that you have given your heart to God so young; and if you continue, you will grow in grace and faith to a perfect woman in Christ like the holy women of old, and be working together with God as a witness for the truth.

"I am 46 years old and have followed the sea some 25 years. I have seen a great deal of evil, and I have also seen a great deal of God's glory in Creation. I have chosen Jesus as my Savior from sin. God bless you and your Society. Your Brother in Christ"

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