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**THE BULLETIN**  
**OF THE**  
**OXFORD SECOND**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

**OXFORD, NEW JERSEY**



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Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.  
*Pastor*

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*Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of  
me; for I am meek and lowly in  
heart: and ye shall find rest  
for your souls.*

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden  
is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

STATED MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH  
SUNDAY SERVICES

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.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders—Abram Pittenger, Elisha B. Foss, Edward T. Green, Lewis Bergenback.  
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Superintendent—E. B. Foss.  
Asst. Superintendent—Mrs. Edward T. Green.  
Treasurer—Miss Ida Smith.  
Secretary—Alvin Renner.  
Organist—Elizabeth Zapp.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Honorary President—Mrs. Charles Renner.  
President—Mrs. Benjamin Green.  
Secretary—Mrs. Clark Wilkinson.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Lewis E. Green.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

President—Emily Austie.  
Treasurer—Chris Seiple.  
Secretary—Helen Snyder.

CHOIR

Leader—Mrs. Edward T. Green.  
Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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Morning Worship

Doxology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 19      Gal. 5  
Hymn 45  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 220  
Sermon  
Hymn 305  
Benediction

Prayer

"O God, thou carest for every one of us, as if thou didst care for him alone; and so for all, as if all were but one!

Blessed is the man who loveth thee, and his friend in thee, and his enemy for thee.

I behold how some things pass away, that others may replace them, but thou dost never depart. O divine Father, supremely good and the beauty of all things beautiful, to thee will I trust whatever I have received from thee, and so shall lose nothing. Thou madest me for thyself, and my heart is restless until it repose in thee. Amen"

The topic for the young people's meeting tonight is "Please have me excused."

The Ladies Annual Fair will be held next Friday evening. A bountiful supper will be served and various articles will be on sale: candy fresh made, and choice pieces of fancy work and many useful domestic articles for the home.

The Ladies spent two days last week in quilting, and otherwise have been very busy preparing for the fair.

Mrs. Anna Belkey sent the Ladies a pair of ornaments from Plainfield, N. J. where she is employed in a private school. One of the teachers was in Paris last summer and purchased these pretty images. They will be on sale at the fair.

We call attention to our congregation not to forget the coal fund box on the Bulletin table near the front door. More coal will be needed before Christmas.



Thanks to our young people we did have a Thanksgiving Day service in our church the first for many years.

At their meeting last Sunday evening it was suggested that they hold a sunrise prayer meeting on Thanksgiving morning, and it was heartily adopted, and plans made for advertising and program. The Chapel was prepared and heated and at seven o'clock about forty persons, church members and friends of all ages gathered for the hour of worship. The service was varied with hymns, prayers, scripture reading, instrumental music, short addresses by the Pastor, and others. Miss Alice Bell led the meeting, and as the originator of the plan, and chiefly responsible for the meeting, deserves the gratitude of all. An offering amounted to \$2.00.

It was one of the happiest services we have had in the church, and will no doubt be repeated in other years.

The Sunday School is planning for Christmas exercises to be held on Sunday evening, the 24th. There will be the usual parts taken by the children, a tree and Santa Claus. Mrs. S. L. Green has general charge of the program.

Mr. Searing sends a copy of Sale by auction of the Mine properties, dated April 1st, 1886. It is evidently the Company's official record. It explains itself, and will be read with interest.---

"The property of the late Oxford Iron and Nail Company, whose works were situated at Oxford, was sold, on Tuesday afternoon at the Court House, at Belvidere, by special Master, Judge Morrow, under foreclosure proceedings by The Farmers Loan and Trust Co., of New York City. The property was bought in by the D. & W. R. Co., for \$70,000, subject to taxes, expenses of maintaining the property for past thirteen months, and costs of foreclosure, said to be about \$50,000.

It is said that the D. & W. R. Co., will permit any of the old bondholders, who will agree to be assessed for a pro rata amount of the expenses, to retain an interest in the property on the basis of their several holdings of bonds.

"No definite plans as to reorganization seem to be in sight, or at least are not made known as yet to the public."

All old hunters in this region know that Deep Hollow has always been a favorite hunting ground. So our local chief of Nimrods Mr Theodore Little, knows more about it and its history than any living person. The Editor's interest in his account of it, led to a trip of exploration with "Uncle Dory" as guide. It lies about a mile south west of Hazen, and is a mile long, from one to five hundred yards wide at the bottom, and surrounded by hills three hundred feet high.

There is no easy way to enter it, as all the places of access are steep and hard to pass over. But once down in the bottom where no human being lives, one seems lost to all the rest of the world. The bottom is largely a swamp, and was formerly mostly under water. But the Belvidere water reservoir up high on the hill side of the hollow, fed by great springs, has affected the water basin in the bottom. Yet it is wierd in summer must be like a small and lonely paradise.

No one lives there now, and but one was ever know to live there, and that was the Hermit of Deep Hollow, William Grantling, who died there in 1854 at the age of near eighty. Mr. Little when a boy knew him and visited his home in the Hollow, and is our authority for these details.

We found the foundation of his house built by himself, where he lived alone for decades, and manufactured guns, pistols, knives, baskets, and various other useful articles.

His guns became famous, and his method of making them was as follows;

He would take a small iron rod and wrap it with wire, until built up sufficiently large for a rifle barrel. He would then heat the barrel in his forge and hammer it until perfectly welded, and finish it in octagon shape. It was four feet long, and was fitted in a walnut stock running the entire length of the barrel. To test the accuracy of the sights, he placed ten tacks in a board and fire at them at the distance 100 steps. He was satisfied when he would drive in nine of the ten tacks. These rifles were sold for \$25.00, equal to \$100. at this time. In the war of 1812 and the Mexican war his rifles were in great demand for sharp shooters.

He made pistols with ten inch barrels, also swords and bayonettes; razors and all kinds of knives. His pocket knives with Billy Barlow handles were very popular, the handles had buckhorn on one and side, and root of the Rhododendron on the other. (over)



His baskets were made of willow for domestic uses, and of black ash for corn and farm purposes. Mr. Little explained the method of obtaining the material from the ash trees. The Hermit would take a long black ash log and peel off the bark, then hammer it all over with a wood maul, and then peel off a thin layer of the wood, and then split it lengthwise into narrow strips for the baskets.

When the Hermit had made up a large supply of his articles he would peddle them around until all were sold, and then return home to make more.

He lived and died alone in deep hollow and was found dead by three hunters, Billy Cole, Wm Baylor and Robert Miller, who reported the matter at the village of Oxford, and men went out and brought the body in and buried it in the old Church graveyard.

Mr. Little thinks that the Hermit had plenty to eat, for at that time he could catch trout almost from his door step, and big gray squirrels, rabbits, wild fowl were always at hand, and the ground under the great chestnut trees was covered in the fall with chestnuts; besides he could at the village get eatables as needed. But why he chose to hide away in such a secluded place no one ever knew. Perhaps something in his early life accounted for it.

Not the least remarkable feature of the visit to Deep Hollow was Mr. Little himself. He has passed his ninetieth birthday: exceeds most men in stature and weight; and yet a three mile walk up and down steep hills did not seem to tire him at all. His memory too is as tenacious as his body is vigorous, so that his companionship was made delightful.

Mr. Samuel J. Cooper sends a dollar for the Bulletin fund contributed by his sister Eleanor J. Cooper, who is now making her home with her brother, near Portland, Me. We thank them for the money, but even more for the very kind and encouraging words to the Editor. Our readers will join us in hoping Mr. Cooper will write more of his fine articles for the Bulletin.

Mr. Oliver Froese of Phillipsburg, recently visited at his daughter's Mrs. George Lockor, Jr. in Oxford. We are glad to know that he has so well recovered from his serious illness of last spring.

**EDWARD T. GREEN**

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