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OXFORD, NEW JERSEY

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Therefore every scribe who is instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like an householder who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. Matthew 13:52.

"A man who is praying should behave himself as if he were entering the courts of heaven,where he sees the Lord on his throne,surrounded with ten thousand of his angels and saints administering unto him."

-----St.Bernard.

"Let thy merciful ears,O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen "

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#### S.S. Annual Picnic

The annual picnic of the Sunday school will be held next Saturday, August 3rd, at the Central Park, Allentown,Pa.

A large School bus will take the school, and many will go in their cars. The start will be made from the Church at ( 9.A.M. daylight saving time. They will leave the Park at 5.P.M. for home.

This is the favorite place of the school for their picnic, and have not been able for several years to go there but special rates have been made to enable them to go now.

Non-members of the school will be charged \$1.00 for transportation.

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The Bulletin may not be issued next week as our typewriter must be repaired, we wish to lighten the work for a few weeks.

Our Church and community have sustained a great loss in the death of Miss Ida Smith, which occurred at her home Saturday evening, July 20th.

She had been an invalid since last October, and her brave attempt to regain her health was in vain. She was however well prepared for the great change, and passed the dark valley in peace.

Miss Smith was born in 1864; the daughter of David and Catherine Sharps Smith. She was educated in the public school and a Girls' Finishing School.

At the age of seventeen she was received into our Church, and her membership of 54 years was one of the longest and most useful in the Church's history.

She served in the S. S. as teacher for nearly fifty years, and for the past 28 years was the Treasurer. Hundreds of her former S. S. scholars will read this and recall her faithful and able instructions. In all church relations she was always in her place of duty, dependable and willing to help as opportunities arose, but never seeking anything for herself.

She was an exemplary Christian; maintaining a high standard of character and conduct in all relationships of life.

She was unselfishly devoted to her family and friends, ever ready minister to their needs and help smooth out the pathway of their lives.

God made her a blessing unto many, and, like the richest blessings of life, was not rightly valued until taken away.

The source of all these virtues was a profound spiritual experience, nourished by a life-time study and teaching of the Bible, and regular spiritual devotion.

In the noble Scriptural phrase she was "a Mother in Israel."

The funeral was from the home last Wednesday afternoon, and burial in the Belvidere Cemetery.

The Bulletin would be glad for any letters of appreciation and reminiscences relating to Miss Smith. We feel sure many will recall interesting things about her.

of the Citizens of Oxford, N.J. to the State Commission on Historic Sites for the Old Oxford Blast Furnace.

to the State Commission on Historic Sites We the citizens of Oxford, in a special public meeting called for the purpose, would solicit the attention of the Commission to the claims of the old blast Furnace to be preserved as a State institution; and,

Whereas: the furnace was erected in 1741- and was in more or less continuous operation until 1884--over 140 years, and in part still stands and is the oldest and probably the only original stack of the colonial period standing in the State; and

Whereas: the furnace had an important place in the industrial development, and also in the military struggles, of the Country, supplying iron for all kinds of domestic purposes and making cannon balls and munitions of war in the French-Indian the Revolutionary and the Civil Wars; and

Whereas: the furnace has, with one exception, the most complete historical records of any colonial blast furnace of the State; and

Whereas: the owners of the property (The Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp.) have officially decided to offer the furnace free of cost to any competent organization able to to preserve it as a public monument; and

Whereas: the furnace requires prompt attention as the original stack is disintegrating, and if it be preserved for the future, needs immediate restoration and repair; and

Whereas: now is an opportune time, as the Relief Administrators of the County have offered to employ their relief forces to do the large amount of work necessary to put it in proper condition to preserve it for the future; and

Therefore: be it resolved by the citizens of Oxford here assembled, representing the 1700 citizens of the town, that we do herewith urgently request and petition the State Commission on Historic Sites to take over the furnace property for the State, to plan for its restoration and preservation as a historic monument, and supervise all matters pertaining to the property.

To this end we do heartily pledge, according to our ability, full cooperation with the Commission, and do hereby authorize the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting to sign this overture as the act of this meeting.

Chairman  
Frank T. Vosseller

Secretary  
James J. Odsted

Done at Oxford New Jersey on the 26th day of July, 1955.

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The foregoing Overture is a true copy of that read and passed unanimously by the public meeting held in the Central School last Friday night, July 26th.

The meeting had not been advertised other than by the notice in last week's Bulletin, as it was deemed prudent to depend on the presence of persons really interested in the matter.

There was a number of representative citizens. The meeting was duly organized with invocation by Rev. L. S. Wright, and the election of a Chairman, Mr. Frank T. Vosseller, and a Secretary, Mr. James J. Odsted. The writer, after explanatory remarks read the above Overture, and after general discussion was adopted and signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

The interest developed during the evening and it was decided to have a meeting again July 9th. A committee was named to prepare a program, and an effort will be made interest other citizens in the matter.



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