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*Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.—Deuteronomy, 32:7.*

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The cup of blessing which we bless is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

---I Corinthians, 11:16

"Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### Invitation to the Lord's Supper

"Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may: come to testify not that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus, and desire to be his true disciple. Come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak: not because you have any claim on Heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty you stand in constant need of Heaven's help: come not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit." (from an old English Prayer Book).

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Mrs. Yount with Mrs. Hamlin of Hampton attended the Woman's State Missionary Society (Synodical) at Princeton, last Tuesday and Wednesday, as delegates from Newton Presbyterian Society. They met many friends there among them Mrs. Irwin Maxwell and daughter of Camden, and Mrs. Norman Macqueen, formerly of Wash. N. J.

The Annual Synod of our Church will be in session from Monday to Wednesday, at Atlantic City, Oct. 19th-21st. All ministers and Elders from each church is expected to attend. The Synod includes the entire State, and its deliberations are important for the welfare and growth of our Churches.

The connection of the Shippen family with the Oxford Furnace covers a period of 70 years, longer than that of any other family, as it began before the furnace was erected in 1741 and extended to 1809.

It embraced the entire Colonial period, and as they owned it during the French-Indian and Revolutionary wars, and also erected the mansion house and the Grist mill (now the Methodist Church) their importance in the history of the Furnace cannot be exaggerated. Yet all the histories of the furnace, with one or two exceptions wholly ignore their part in its history.

We propose to remedy this great defect, and having devoted nearly two years in research, are able to present the facts all based upon documents of that period.

The founder of the Shippen family in America was Edward Shippen, born in England, in 1639. In his early life he came to America and settled in Boston, and soon rose to distinction as a citizen and a very successful merchant, becoming one of the wealthiest of the citizens.

He married a Quakeress, and with her suffered from the severe persecution against that sect by the early Puritans. About 1790 he sold out and moved to Philadelphia, where he soon became so prominent that Wm. Penn appointed him the first Mayor of the City and Governor of the Province. A traditional report of him declares that he was "the biggest man, lived in the biggest house and rode in the biggest coach."

He died in 1712 leaving a large estate. Of his children only his son Joseph concerns us. He was born in Boston, 1679. He had much of his father's business genius, and became a prominent citizen of Philadelphia.

He was associated with Benjamin Franklin in founding the "Junta", the first Philosophical Society in America. He was one of the founders of Princeton College, and a Trustee.

He bought immense tracts of land in Western Jersey, much of it in and around Oxford. He died July 28, 1741,

This past week we examined his Will in Philadelphia of which we speak in another issue.

We have before us a news paper clipping taken from a Portland, Maine paper containing a fine likeness of Mr. Perkins, with a note stating that he will assume charge on October 1st, as Dean of the Cathedral of St. Luke, in that city. "The Rev. Howard D. Perkins, who for the past 15 years has been assistant minister at Trinity Episcopal Church New Haven, Conn. He will succeed Dea J. Arthur Glasier who resigned last May. Parish members are pleased with the choice of the Rev. Perkins for he made an excellent impression when he served as supply pastor last July."

Mr. Perkins, the son of C.C. Perkins (who was a prominent citizen of Oxford 50 to 60 years ago) grew up in this place and is remembered by hundreds of the older people. They will rejoice in his advancement to the high position of Dean of the Cathedral of Portland, Maine. He attended our annual reunion three years ago, and we hope he will join us again in the near future.

Mr. Edmund C. Perkins, who sent the clipping about his brother, has an interesting word about himself. He has changed his residence from New Haven Conn. to Ogunquit, Maine. He will thus be near his brother's new Pastorate in Portland. Ogunquit is a sea side town about 40 miles south of Portland.

He does not say any thing about his plans there; but a large number of gifted literary people have homes there along the coast, and if this should happen to be the case with Mr. Perkins we will expect some of the fruit of his talent in writing to be sent to the Bulletin. In fact he is starting in right in this case for he writes: "As soon as I find time to do the typing I shall send you my reply to Mr. Weston's humorous reference to me in a recent copy of the Bulletin. Of course he expected I would reply. He has a way of drawing people out. Well, I succumbed."

Mr. Perkins adds "We were all present at the Installation of Howard Sunday last."

## For He's a Jolly Good Fellow

Mr. Elmer G. Knorr, of South Orange sends this tribute to his close friend and neighbor, Clinton Weston. It will buy up his spirits to meet the blast coming from Maine in a later issue of this paper.

"In the little town of Oxford,  
that the natives love so well,  
Was born a boy I've heard so much of  
there's lots that I can tell.  
I'll mention the name of 'Clinty'  
to make this poem right,  
He could get into more trouble  
when trouble was in sight,  
And yet the things he did were funny,  
would make you laugh and roar,  
Especially when he had a can of nails  
nailed the house from roof to  
cellar door.  
Even the cats and dogs would slink  
away and how the chicks would fly  
When upon this mischievous boy  
they would merely cast an eye.  
But he changed as he grew older,  
and yet while in his teens  
He would carry around a shooter  
and pelt his teacher with beans.  
At last he changed his tactics--  
they were just the chaff from  
wheat,  
And the beans he used to shoot  
are now used by him to eat.  
He often visits the old Town, and the  
folks are glad to have him there  
For when the Church reunion comes  
around we find him in the Chair.  
He brightens up the meetings  
With stories only Clint can tell  
May we keep him many years in the  
spot he always fills so well."

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Mrs. Dr. L. B. Hoagland was greatly delighted, when on October 2nd, she received a visit from an old time friend and neighbor, Miss Carrie Apgar, who was the daughter a Rev. Mr. Apgar, pastor of the Methodist Church in Oxford in the 1880s.

They lived near by on Dutch Hill and became deeply attached in friendship.

Miss Apgar lives in Morristown but spends her winters in Florida.

They all come back to Oxford to visit old friends and enjoy the natural beauties of the place.



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