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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.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

-----John 10:16

"O God, who art full of compassion and mercy, look graciously on all who are wandering away from thee, or those who have never heard thy call of love. Bring them, dear Lord, to thyself, and ever keep them by thy grace in the holy fellowship of thy people. Amen.

Easter Sabbath is only four weeks away; March 28th. At the morning service the Lord's Supper will be administered. We are expecting a number of new communicants. The Choir will have special Music. At night the Choir will put on a pageant of the Resurrection.

MEN'S SUPPER, Tuesday.

The men's annual supper will be given next Tuesday evening. Service begins at 5 P.M. for those who so desire. The men will do all the work, cook, serve, wash dishes, etc

They did it well last year and will try and improve this time.

Come and see that they do so.

Old fashioned Buckwheat cakes fine sausage, with other fixings.

And plenty to eat for those who will not want meat. (40 and 25 cts,

The Ladies Aid Society have decided to hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening after the Supper; about 8.P.M. They ought to have a large attendance then.

For of course they will all want to be at the supper, to watch the men act as chefs and waiters.

This after noon at 3. the Pastor will conduct services at the Old Folks Home in Belvidere.

Visitors always welcomed by the Home people.

The Reunion in May

The Editor, for many months, has had in mind the fact that our next reunion would fall on the 50th Anniversary of the ordination and Installation of the Rev. Irving Maxwell as Pastor of our Church.

And in reply to an urgent letter Mr. Maxwell writes this good news:

"Your kind letter of Feb. 17 has been received and I am acknowledging it with thanks. I too have been thinking about the reunion and wondering if you might not forget me this time. Yes, I began my ministry in the Oxford church 50 years ago. I was ordained and installed May 26, 1887. It will indeed be a pleasure to me to visit the church once more and to share with you in this reunion. It is very kind of the friends to think of me in this connection; and I greatly appreciate your personal invitation to be present and to preach at the morning service.

Mother Perry will be glad to come.

Except for colds she has been very well all winter. She is quite a remarkable woman for one so advanced in years."

Mr. Maxwell, with Mrs. Perry, and his family were present six years ago at our first reunion, and it was an unforgettable day for the multitude of old Oxford citizens past and present, who attended it.

Mrs. Perry is the only one surviving of the 21 charter members at the organization of the church in 1863. But she joined church in the old stone chapel on May 29, 1858, 79 years ago next May! All will hope that her good health will continue, and that she may be able to attend the reunion.

The date of our reunions has been on the third Sabbath of May, but this year it would be the 16th which is a little early, and as Mr. Maxwell's anniversary here falls on the 26th, we have in mind the 23rd, of May, when the weather is more likely to be warmer, and the beauty of nature more pronounced.

In two weeks the exact date will be announced. Suggestions welcome

Church Sextons (Concluded from last issue)

As you might have inferred from previous statements, it fell to Cort's lot to take care of the sweeping and dusting, and Frank was responsible for keeping the lights in trim. Neither of these was a small task when you consider there were two buildings, church and the chapel, with the many corners to get the broom in between the church pews, and the 200 or more chapel chairs to be shifted around during the sweeping. And the 75 or more kerosene lamps to be filled, trimmed and the chimneys polished.

And it was in connection with lamp-cleaning job that Frank's Yankee ingenuity and resourcefulness became particularly apparent; although it was several weeks before Cort accidentally got wise to it.

But "Murder will out". Facilities at the church for lamp cleaning were just about a minus quantity; and inasmuch as there was a large and well equipped back kitchen in the Perkins home, which was just next door to the Parsonage, Frank would--while Cort was busy at other chores--, pile the lamp chimneys in a large basket, take them home and in a short while bring them back all sparkling and bright; then take another basket full, and so on until they were all finished. All well and good! However, one Saturday Cort had finished up his chores before the lamp job was completed, so he went up to the house to give Frank a hand, and it was right then and there that the 'Cat got out of the bag.'— in other words, that the secret of the highly polished lamp chimneys that graced the chandeliers, pulpit, etc. came out. Frank's high degree of efficiency, in that line lay in the fact that Mother Perkins and Sister Amanda, were the real performers who put on the artistic finishing touches.

Therefore at this late day, believing that it is 'better late than never' the writer feels in duty bound to give 'honor to whom honor is due.' Even though slight mishaps continued to occur from time to time; (over)

for some reason or other, taking it all-in-all, the boys got along very well, and did their work conscientiously and to a marked degree satisfactorily, although the church records do not make mention of a 'Badge of Merit' or any other such insignia being presented to either of the 'twins' at the termination of their services as sextons.

(Readers have already guessed the writer above to be Cortland F. Cook).

Miss Mary Lanning Hoagland, sister to Enos and Levi Hoagland, died Feb. 18th, after a short illness.

Her ancestors were prominent among the pioneer families of the Co. and a direct descendant of John Axford, the first settler in Oxford.

Her whole life was spent in the old stone homestead near Pequest, which was erected in 1781. She was of the fifth generation who lived in that house. Naturally she was deeply interested in family and local history. For many years she collected all available records and, we understand, left copious notes of her researches. She was a good friend of the Bulletin, and assisted the editor with her accumulated information on many uncertain points

She was a woman of superior intelligence and culture, and her conversation pleasant and profitable.

Maginnis— Miller

Lawrence A. Maginnis and Ruth Evelyn Miller were united in marriage last Thursday evening, in Washington, N.J. The bride is the daughter of our Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller. This was a union of two most estimable young people, and all will wish them a long and happy life together.

Mrs. Mary Weber Lemmon heard that the Editor's birthday was Feb. 24th, and sent a lovely greeting, and included a charming little skit that she had received years ago :--
"Giants, little kittens fluffy,
Crocodiles, and stout men puffy,
Billy goats and ladies fair
All have birthdays---
Don't you care! "



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