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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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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

-----Matthew 13:44

"Almighty God, we come to thee in deep humility, since thou art so high and exalted, and because thou beholdest the proud afar off.

We come in tender penitence, for the contrite heart is thy only dwelling. We come in the name and spirit of Jesus to make our wills one with thine; to abandon our lonely and selfish walk for solemn communion with thee, to put an end to sin by welcoming to our hearts thy Holy Presence. Deeper than we have known, enter, thou Maker of our souls; clearer than we have ever seen, dawn thy glory on our sight; in the name of Him who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light that no man can approach unto. Amen.

Next Sunday, the 20th, the members of our congregation will be waited on by the canvassers for pledges in support of the current expenses of the Church for the coming year. Our financial plan calls upon every member, young and old, to make a weekly pledge, though in many cases it may of necessity be small. Those who contribute regularly take more interest in the church and get more good out of it. We have but few members able to give largely to the expense of sustaining the church, and so the greater reason for every one to share this responsibility.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held in the church on March 28th, Monday evening, 7:30, P M

The Men's Annual Supper will be given in the Chapel tomorrow night, from 5 P M

Obituary

Mrs Mary Harling Cooper died at her home in Phillipsburg, last Sunday, at the age of 76. She was the daughter of Henry Harling. In 1886 she was married to Jacob Cooper.

She united with our church in 1876 on confession of faith, and was dismissed by letter to the Westminster church in Phillipsburg in 1900, where she past the rest of her life. Her surviving children are Miss Geneva; Herbert; Walter; Ernest, and Wilbur. Mr. Cooper died some years ago. She was the sister of Thomas, Benjamin and William Harling; Mrs Parcell, Mrs. Emma Kreis, and Mrs Rachel Myers; all of whom survive her.

Mrs. Henry Lanterman

died at her home in Oxford last Thursday, March the 10th.

She born in Asbury N. J. July 31, 1859. Her maiden name was Caroline Praester. The family soon moved to Highbridge, which was her home until her marriage to Henry Lanterman in 1887, and Oxford became her home.

Last year they celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of married life.

Their children surviving are Mrs Walter Cooper and Mrs Edward T, Green. Mr. Lanterman is in feeble health, and has the sympathy of all.

Mrs. M. Dereatha Buckley, one of Oxford's oldest citizens, died on March 5th, at her home in Oxford.

She was the widow of James Buckley, one of Oxford's oldest families, dating back to Colonial times.

She was an active member of the Methodist Church.

William V. Mershon died in Oxford the past week at the age of 74. Mr. Mershon came to Oxford in 1903, and worked as a clerk in the Company's office for 18 years.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

There will be a special meeting of the Ladies Aid next Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Bayliss.

The Great Storm of '88

by Charles S. Aitkin

Sunday March 11th 1888 was raining, increasing as the day advanced, with lowering temperature. Raining heavily at midnight, the rain changed to snow. On arising the following Monday, I was unable to open the outside shutters, as snow was piled against them. By this time a gale was raging, temperature about zero, and snow falling rapidly and drifting. Paths were impassable and Oxford was shut in by what has come to be known as the "blizzard of '88."

I struggled through drifts, knee to waist high, to school and found that the janitor hadn't been able to cross the hills. So I turned fireman and acted as such during the continuance of the blockade.

A few children near the school house came, but were dismissed. As I now recall a sled drawn by a team of horses belonging to George Dreisbach, overturned as it neared the school.

The severity of the storm continued with thermometer registering below zero, possibly 10 or 15 degrees. So all outdoor activities ceased; roads were closed; a train was stalled just east of the station. The entire Pequest valley was shut off from the outside world.

After three days the skies cleared a thaw set in, and rivulets became full streams. While the snow rapidly disappeared, one frost-pile behind the stock-house lingered about three weeks.

That Tuesday evening I struggled to reach the residence of Charles Scranton who had been severely injured. I was compelled to seek refuge in the R.R. Station, as I was practically exhausted bucking the drifts. When able to proceed I did so. That night Mr. William Henry and myself attended him, and he passed the following day.

Of course the storm, the attendant features, and varied individual experiences were sources of conversation for many days.

And even now fifty years ago, my recollections of the experiences are vivid.

Hillside Cemetery
by Clinton E Weston

The various committees of the Hillside Cemetery Association have been active during the winter formulating plans to be put into effect at an early period, and they have been very much encouraged by the response made by so many friends of the Association, both in material and co-operative aid. The undertaking at first had many intricate problems to overcome in order to put in effect a practicable method of rehabilitating the cemetery which had been so long neglected. To accomplish this end an efficient organization was needed and with this object in view a public meeting was held in October last when the following officers and trustees were elected:-

President, Clinton E. Weston;
Secretary, Mrs Bessie Henderson;
Treasurer, A. Edward Badrow;
Trustees for one year, Mrs Wm. Dawe,
James Odsted, Peter Staugard;
for two years, Lewis Slack, James
Radel, Mrs Jennie Fichtel;
for three years Mrs Minnie Hahn,
Lewis Bergenback and Mrs. Mildred
Tunison.

This substantial organization, having full legal possession of the Cemetery property, commands public confidence, and assures the future welfare and proper up-keep of the grounds.

It must be borne in mind that the Association is a protection for the people's interest in the preservation of the last resting place of loved ones committed to its care

Arrangements can be made for perpetual care of plots and all the monies contributed can be verified on the books of the Association.

The main object of the Association is ultimately to accumulate a sufficient fund to care for the cemetery as a whole and the responsibility is thus left to the living to beautify the hallowed ground of those who have entered into their eternal rest.



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