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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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And if thou say in thine heart,
How shall we know the word which
the Lord hath not spoken?

When a prophet speaketh in the
name of the Lord, if the thing fol-
low not, nor come to pass, that is
the thing which the Lord hath not
spoken, but the prophet hath spoken
it presumptuously: thou shalt not
be afraid of him.

---Deuteronomy 18

"O Lord, who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity
are nothing worth; Send thy Holy
Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of divine
love, the very bond of peace and
of all virtues, without which who-
soever liveth is counted dead be-
fore thee. Grant this for thine
only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen"

The annual congregational meet-
ing will be held next Sunday morn-
ing following the morning worship
Elders and Trustees are to be
elected and reports rendered.

All members should attend this
meeting for it is of supreme im-
portance to the welfare of the
church.

The annual election of
Sunday School officers was held
last Sunday after the Sunday school
session. The following were chosen
for the coming year.

Superintendent	E. B. Foss
Asst. "	Kenneth Bell
Secretary	Alvin Renner
Treasurer	Miss Virginia Zapp
Organist	Miss Florence Wildrick.

The young people's meeting
on Sunday evenings is growing in
interest. Many adults find it of
interest to attend, and they are
very welcome.

The choir practices after the
meeting, and there were about 20
took part last Sunday night.

The Cemetery Association
Meets this afternoon, at 2 o'clock
in the M. E. Church, Sunday 27th.

This is to be
a most important meeting as much
business comes before it, and all
the officers and Trustees, besides
citizens in general who are inter-
ested in the Cemetery improvement,
should plan to be present.

The Bulletin is honored

Mr. Charles Aitkin writes saying;

"I write to say that I had last
year's Bulletins bound in book
form and presented the copy to the
Rutgers College Library.

I did this principally for the
reason so much pertaining to early
mining and furnacing has been
brought forth, and that at some
future date some student of the
iron industry may find something
informative therein."

This is a very practical way
to show appreciation of the Bulet-
tin, and the many readers will be
pleased to learn of it.

So many persons ask about
what is being done in the way of
improving the old furnace, that a
word should be said in reply.

We have had no communication
from the Commission of the State
Historic Sites for many weeks.

But at the meeting before the
Budget Committee of the legislature,
last December, the Commission
submitted a specific sum, to be
supplemented by an appropriation
from the WPA, to the Budget Com-
mittee, which was seemingly accepted
by them. Everything possible is
being done to obtain this appro-
priation before the close of the
Assembly. We understand that the
general bill of appropriations
is usually about the last thing
acted upon by the Legislature
before adjournment.

This is all we can say in
regard to the matter, and all who
care for this good cause must
wait in hope.

Funeral of William H. Scranton by Mrs. A. M. Weston (1889)

(Note by Clinton E. Weston saying;
"Shortly after Wm. H. Scranton died in
Oxford Mrs. Scranton asked my mother
to write an account of the services
held for him. In looking over some of
my mother's papers I came across the
enclosed, which gives them in detail.
... All of the persons mentioned, I
believe, have passed on with the ex-
ception of Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Bar-
tron.").

The death of William H.
Scranton has left an aching void in
many hearts; an empty chair; a deco-
rate hearth-stone. He had been ill
with a light attack of pneumonia, but
no one thought him in immediate dan-
ger, when the blow fell suddenly last
Wednesday afternoon (June 19th 1889.)

He was the eldest son of Col. Geo.
Scranton and Jane Hiles. He was not
only a gentleman by birth and educa-
tion but was one of nature's noblemen.

The funeral services were held on
Saturday afternoon from his late
residence in Oxford. From early
morning until the beginning of the
service his former associates and
employees passed in an ever increas-
ing stream through the hall into the
north-east reception-room where the
body lay, to take their last sad look
at him whom in life they delighted
to honor. The moistened eye and
trembling lip attesting the depth of
their feeling, and when they had pas-
sed out upon the broad piazza expres-
sions like this were many times re-
peated, "He was the truest friend
I ever had."

During the 25
years of Mr. Scranton's connection
with the Oxford Iron works as chief
Engineer and Manager, the most pleas-
ant relations existed between em-
ployer and employees, for he was pat-
ient with their grievances and chari-
table and just in all his dealings
with them. Lying across the beautiful
casket and among the pure white lilies
was the gold headed cane presented
to Mr. Scranton by the workmen three
years ago, when he was about to leave
for Fall River, Mass.

The Funeral Services were con-
ducted by Rev. Irving Maxwell, Pastor
of the Oxford Presbyterian Church

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and Rev. E. C. Cline, the former pastor of the church, both of whom paid high tribute to the Christian character of Mr. Scranton; his trust and hope in Him who is mighty to save.

Mr. Cline had known him intimately for many years; known him in prosperity and in adversity, which had been borne nobly.

"Asleep in Jesus" was sung by the choir and Mrs Albertson of Belvidere sang "Rock of Ages," and "Art Thou Weary."

The pall bearers in Oxford and in Scranton were Edward S. Scranton, of Philadelphia; Calvin Pardee, of Germantown; Robert A. Cook, of New Brunswick; Edward Weston and Capt. Henry C. Warner of Oxford; H. A. Kingsbury and E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton.

Among those from a distance were Mrs. H. A. Kingsbury and Mrs. E. P. Kingsbury, and W. W. Scranton, from Scranton; Col. Edward Warner, late of the U. S. Army, of Montrose; Mr. Littlefield; M. I. Pardee of Stanhope; Mrs Fisher and Miss Paul of Phila. Miss Paul and Mrs Bigelow; Mrs Anderson Weydell and Cornelius Wedell, of New York;

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Blair of Belvidere, and William Henry of Oxford, who came from New Orleans to attend the obsequies. The remains were taken to Scranton for interment. The D. L. & W. furnished a special car to carry the relatives and friends.

On their arrival at Scranton the funeral party was met at the Station by a large number of friends of the deceased who followed to the place of burial in Dunmore Cemetery.

Besides the pall-bearers there went to Scranton, Mrs. James Scranton and daughters of Montclair Mrs. Edmund T. Lukens and Mrs. Barton, Joseph and Michael Hilbert and Henry Harling of Oxford, Miss Laura Paul of Belvidere. At the grave Mr. Maxwell recited the hymn, "Unweary thy Bosom O Faithful Tomb." Rev. Dr. Robinson of the 2nd Presbyterian Church of Scranton offered prayer and Mr. Maxwell closed the service with the benediction.

(The close of the paper has been quoted by Mr. Weston in his article in Bulletin No. 389).



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