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And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their gain.

And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

---Ezekiel 33:31,32.

"Most heartily do we thank thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies of every kind, and for thy loving care over all thy creatures. We bless thee for the gift of life, for thy protection round about us, for thy guiding hand upon us, and for many tokens of thy love within us; and most of all for the saving knowledge of thy dear Son, our Redeemer; and for the living presence of Thy Spirit the Comforter. We thank thee for friendship and duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us and for the trials that teach us to trust in Thee; and so for all which give us grateful hearts. Amen."

Tomorrow night, Monday Oct. 24th, the Young People will give their annual Halloween party in the chapel. The admission will be small and will include refreshments.

Tomorrow, Monday, is the annual Visitation Day at the Presbyterian Home in Belvidere. Donations are requested, and the women of our Congregation are asked to attend. They will be interested to look through the Home.

The annual Meeting of the Men's brotherhood of the Presbytery will be held in the Washington Presbyterian church on Friday evening November 4th, at 7:00 P. M. A fine turkey supper will be served, and the speaker will Dr. W. L. Gilbert President of Drew University.

The Pastor has tickets for sale.

Annual Report Hillside Cemetery
 Association of Oxford New Jersey
 for the year ending Oct. 16, 1938.
 By the Secretary,
 Mrs. Bessie Henderson.

On October 13th, 1937 this Association was organized in the Central School building with the election of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine Trustees. On October 27th, 1937 a Certificate of Incorporation, under the Rural Cemetery Act of the State of New Jersey, was filed with the County Clerk; and on October 31, 1937 the first official meeting of the Association was held. A committee was appointed to prepare by-laws and upon completion they were adopted as of December 19th, 1937. Negotiations were made with the four owners of the Cemetery for the purpose of obtaining control of the cemetery, and these were concluded on December 14th, 1937, when and at which time the Association became the sole owner of the property.

The Trustees were divided into committees, such as Finance Cemetery, etc., and plans were at once made for raising funds and for starting the work to clear the cemetery of the accumulation of years of undergrowth, etc. A survey was made to establish the boundary line and markers made of concrete were placed to take the place of the original stakes that had long since disappeared. The most difficult problem was, and is, yet, the re-locating of plots where interments were made without any marker or record; and also in establishing the lines conforming to the map and plan of the cemetery. Maps and charts have been made, and great progress has been the result.

One of the outstanding features was that the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee was able to arrange for a number of men to start the preliminary work of clearing and burning the wild undergrowth of underbrush, etc.

On April 23rd, 1938, an entertainment under the direction of the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee was given in the Central school which was an unqualified success for its excellence, the attendance and financial support.

Arrangements were made by which it

became possible for reasonable care and also perpetual care could be obtained for the plots, and these have been taken advantage of by a number of people, as per report of the Treasurer. Negotiations were entered into with the Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp. for the acquisition of a triangular plot adjoining the cemetery that would not only straighten out our line, but would also be a valuable adjunct to the beautifying the property. The negotiations were successful and on September 29, 1938, a deed covering the plot, consisting of approximately sixty-three thousand (63,000) square feet was delivered to the Association.

The Association is not unmindful of the cooperation it has received from the public, and it is interesting to note that communications have been received from former Oxford people who have not visited the cemetery in many years, asking for information. Through the courtesy of the County Committee the bank along the roadway was graded and seeded, which makes a decided improvement.

Ten meetings have been held during the year, and it is my impression that a great deal has been accomplished in the first year of our activity, and we look forward to even greater results in the coming year.

The financial Report of the Treasurer of the Association, Mr. A. Edward Badrow, is as follows:

--- Receipts ---

Contributions to general fund	\$209.25
Proceeds from entertainments	150.37
Sale of plots	45.00
Seasonal care during 1938	54.00
Seasonal care advanced for 1939	6.00
Perpetual care Certificates	460.00
Interest	1.56
	<u>926.18</u>

Disbursements

Wages for work in Cemetery	367.50
Equipment, supplies etc.	29.67
Stationery Filing deeds with the County Clerk, Printing etc.	48.19
	<u>445.36</u>
Balance on hand	480.82
	<u>926.18</u>

(These reports have been sent the Bulletin by Mr. Clinton E. Weston, the President of the Association).

Old Letter Head of the
Oxford Iron & Nail Company

Mr. Frank Vosseller has the original copy of a letter of recommendation for his father Philip, who was applying for a situation in another town. It was written by E. T. Lukens in his beautiful script, and is a very gracious commendation of Mr. Voseller. The date is Feb. 13th, 1888.

The letter head is of special interest in itself, as it shows who were then at the head of the Company.

The President was Theodore Sturges, and the Treasurer was Chas. E. Sturges, and the office was at 52 Wall street N. Y. City.

Mr. Lukens was Secretary and Manager

That the main office was in New York will be news to many of our readers, although it was probably well known to others.

In this connection it will be in place to quote from a copy of the sale of the furnace property in 1896, which we have in our files. It is a tissue paper copy made in an old hand press. It is as follows.

"The Property of the late Oxford Iron and Nail Company, whose works were situated at Oxford, was sold on Tuesday afternoon at the Court House at Belvidere, by Special Master, Judge Morrow, under fore closure proceedings by The Farmers Loan and Trust Co. of New York City.

"The property was bought in by the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. for \$70,000.00, subject to taxes, expenses of maintaining the property for past thirteen months and costs of fore closure, said to be about \$60,000.00

"It is said that D. L. & W. R. R. Co. will permit any of the old bondholders, who will agree to be assessed for a pro rata amount of the expenses, to retain an interest in the property on the basis of their several holdings of bonds.

"No definite plans as to reorganization seem to be in sight, or at least are not made known as yet to the public." (Dated April 7, 1896)



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