

436

The
BULLETIN

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY

By

A. G. YOUNT
Minister



Oxford Historical Record

Bulletin No. 436. Nov. 13, 1938.

Nay, in all these things we are more conquerors, through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

--- Romans 8:37-39

"O Lord God, in whom we live and move, and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold thy Fatherly presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to thee with the power of thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what thou hast given us to do, help us to leave the issue with thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to thee in heaven, and make us to know that all things are possible to us through thy Son our Redeemer. Amen.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the service of Vesper worship will be held in this church. It will be under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a special program has been prepared, and this will be printed for all who attend.

"The Hillside Cemetery Association will meet Sunday afternoon November 13th, at 2 o'clock, in the Col. M. E. Church. All members are urged to be present, as matters of great importance are to be discussed. -----Bessie Henderson, Sec."

The Ladies Aid Society gave their Cafeteria Supper in the chapel last Tuesday evening, and it proved a most pleasant and successful event. Coming on the evening of the Election Day added to the interest and patronage of the public. And many citizens said that it was an accommodation to have it at that time.

Mrs. Herbert B. Cox writes about the Oxford Library, and though a personal letter, yet we think it will be of general interest to Oxford citizens. She says:-

"Through the Bulletin we have been interested in your work in Oxford, both in church and community work. Mr. Cox and I are looking forward to being at one of the Oxford Reunions...

"When in Oxford Mr. Cox and I assisted Mrs. Valentine in the starting of the Library, and followed it for many years with interest, but have heard no reports of the Library in these last years.

"Does interest in the Library continue? Is it open on regular days with a regular Librarian?"

"Has the Library need of more books? Through the American Institute of Mining Engineers I am in a position to send some boxes of books to mining sections; so I thought at once of Oxford Library and wished that I knew its needs.

"I have collected from my friends many books which will be ready to be shipped soon. If the Oxford Library needs more books, kindly send me the name of the person to ship them to, for the Oxford Library to keep. Miss Grace Hoagland was the Librarian I knew, but probably there have been several changes...

"I did not know to whom to write but realized you would know all about the Library and be able to answer all the above questions."

The Editor will write to Mrs. Cox giving what information may be of help to her, and will turn this letter over to the Librarian who will doubtlessly bring it before the Board of Directors.

At the local election last Tuesday the petition for the sale of Sunday alcoholic beverages was voted down by a good majority. The people of the community do not want it. Up in New York State 14 districts voted out alcoholic beverages altogether. The movement toward prohibition is sure to grow.

A Business Man's Complaint

Mr. Weston has sent a copy of a letter, which he says was sent for the Editor's personal enjoyment. Well it accomplished its purpose, and we pass it on to our readers with the same object. We print it in full just as received.

New York, Sept. 9, 1938.

Mr. Clinton E. Weston

South Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. Weston:

In reply to your request to send a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes it almost impossible. My shattered financial condition is due to Federal laws, State laws, County laws, City laws, and out-laws. Through these laws I am compelled to pay a business tax, amusement tax, head tax, school tax, Light tax, sales tax, liquor tax, carpet tax, income tax, furniture tax and excise tax. Even my brains are taxed. I am required to get a business license, car license, truck license, not to mention a marriage license and a dog license.

I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life:--to Woman's Relief, the Unemployment Relief, and the Gold Diggers Relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution in the city; including the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple Cross and the Double Cross.

For my own safety I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, liability insurance, burglar insurance, old age insurance, fire insurance, accident insurance, business insurance and earthquake insurance.

My business is so governed that it is no easy matter for me to find out who owns it. I am suspected, inspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, reexamined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded, and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race. (over)

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, and held down, and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can tell you honestly that except for the miracle that happened, I could not enclose this check. The wolf that comes to many doors now-a-days had pups in my kitchen; I sold them and here is the money.

Always, sincerely yours
Harold T.-----

(Readers of the Bulletin have been told that in the Old Oxford Days boyish pranks were very popular.

Is the above skit a sample? Ed.)

We have just received the annual report of the American Bible Society and find it of great interest.

For example the Bible Societies of England and America during the year 1937 distributed 26,073,414 copies of the Bible, Testaments and Gospels throughout the world, in 1008 different languages and dialects. More copies of the Gospel of St. John have been printed and distributed than any other book in all the world's history. Talk about best sellers! The outstanding event of the present year was the translation into the 1000th, language, a dialect of the Congo people of Africa, and is called the Sakata language. The tribe numbers 70,000 people.

So the Bible is now the Book of a thousand tongues. A strange fulfilment of the hymn verse "O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise."

The Bulletin acknowledges receipt of \$2.00 each from Mrs. Mary Jones Enos Hoagland, James Radel, Mrs. Fred Thomas. And \$1.50 from L. R. Dohm.

If we have failed to give the name of any who have recently sent money for this fund, we will be glad to be informed of it. We sometimes overlook items of this kind.



CHURCH OFFICERS

The Session

A. G. YOUNT, *Moderator*

Elders

ABRAM PITTENGER	ELISHA B. FOSS
EMMANUEL KELSKY	LEWIS BERGENBACK



Board of Trustees

JAMES RADEL	HARRY MILLER
GEORGE DOCKER, JR.	CHARLES RENNER
FRED K. SARSON	LEWIS E. GREEN
BENJAMIN GREEN	CHARLES DUX
HAYDEN DOCKER	



Church Treasurer

LEWIS E. GREEN



Sunday School

<i>Superintendent</i>	E. B. FOSS
<i>Assistant Superintendent</i>	KENNETH BELL
<i>Secretary</i>	ALVIN RENNER
<i>Treasurer</i>	VIRGINIA ZAPP
<i>Organist</i>	FLORENCE WILDRICK



Ladies' Aid Society

<i>President</i>	MRS. DELMAR GREEN
<i>Vice-President</i>	MRS. LELAND BAYLISS
<i>Secretary</i>	MRS. VIOLET BELL
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. LEWIS E. GREEN

