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Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. ---Jeremiah 9:23, 24.

"O Lord God, who hast promised to answer the prayers of thy faithful people when they call on thee, grant that our faith may never fail at the apparent withheld answers to our prayers, knowing that thou art often silent in thy love, only to deepen and increase our faith in thee, that we may rejoice with greater joy in blessings to be bestowed. Hear us in Thy love for Jesus sake. Amen."

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Important improvements are being made in our church building.

The ladies have had the carpets, mats etc., in the vestibule, taken up, the floor repaired, cleaned and well painted. Strips of carpet will be placed between the doors, and the result will be pleasing to every body.

The men have provided for the repair of the church chimney. This required the old top of it to be taken down to the church wall, and rebuilt in a substantial manner.

Soft brick had been used before and these had dissolved above the church ceiling, causing much damage to the the wall and the large molding at the top of the inside wall. part of which has fallen down. The rebuilt chimney will insure the complete stopping of the leak that has been destroying the molding for about 20 years.

The real cause of the trouble has only been discovered recently.

## They Like the Bulletin

Mr. Edwin C. Perkins writes from his home in Ogunquit, Maine:--

Despite the fact that my mail is a full one, and the current literature in my house is often unread-- still the sight of the Bulletin in my mail box always fills me with delight, and memories flood in their past as I read its pages. I want to join with all the others in expressing my appreciation of your patience and devotion in getting the material together and in placing it in our hands so regularly.

Your faithfulness indicates a devotion which should inspire us all.

My mother is very well for her years--97. As I write I now hear her in the next room softly singing to herself. We feel very greatly blessed in having her with us."

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Mr. George S. Humphrey, evidently refreshed by his trip to the far-away Bahamas, says:--

"Congratulations on the ninth birthday of the 'Bulletin' !

It is such a regular visitor, and has become such a necessity that it seems as though it had always existed.

It has become an 'institution', quite unique in its way, and of great value; especially to us old Oxfordites who are kept in touch with the affairs and vicissitudes of the community in which we spent many happy years. And the historical articles are of great value, covering as they do the development of that important portion of northern New Jersey. What inspired you to begin the publication, and did you foresee the interest which it would create? .....

"A few days ago I had the pleasure of lunching with 'Clin' Weston, who is already formulating plans for the next Reunion. May is only six months off!

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Mrs. James E. Loder sends a message from Philadelphia:--

"The last 'Bulletin' tells me that it is just nine years old, and I want to tell you how very much I have

enjoyed reading it for the last five or six years during which our good friend George Humphrey has so kindly sent it to me.

You are surely to be congratulated upon the very splendid work you have put on the Bulletin; making it what it so surely is-- a most interesting, inspiring and live little paper.

You may be interested to know that I have heard that George Humphrey and 'Clin' Weston have already gotten their heads together in regard to the Reunion next May.

All of us are surely looking forward to that very pleasant occasion when we can renew acquaintances and friendships."

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### Dedication Program of the Oxford M. E. Church January 31, 1913

Mr. Charles Aitkin, of Trenton, N. J. was removing some old papers in his home recently and found a copy of the Dedication services Program, and also a newspaper picture of the first church building, of 1867.

He has thoughtfully sent them to the Bulletin to make proper disposition of the papers. They will of course be turned over to the officers of the M. E. Church, where they properly belong, and will be most valued, especially if no other copies have been preserved.

But some items and names will be of general interest to our old Oxford readers.

It is an eight page folder with five pages devoted to the program, and three to advertisements.

The week of Dedication ran from January 26, to Feb. 2nd. The Dedication occurred on January 31st.

On the first page are good pictures of the church before and after it was converted from a grist mill into a church edifice. The old mill picture is interesting because there was a great iron fly-wheel, 8 or 10 feet in diameter, leaning up against the south wall, near the center of the building; something we have not seen in any of the many pictures of the old mill. This wheel came from the engine room of the Boiler house, we suppose, (over

but old employees of the furnace will know, and correct us if mistaken. However it may have been the drive wheel in the old mill.

A large number of ministers of the M. E. Church took part in the week's services. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, and District Supt. L. C. Muller spoke at the dedication service on Friday Jan. 31st. There are good pictures of the minister in charge at the time, Rev. E. A. Quimby, and of Rev. Wesley Martin who completed the old church in 1881. Other ministers, were Henry A. Buttz, George C. Willing, W. J. Hampton, A. N. Smith, C. B. Cain, J. K. Meeker, F. J. Baldwin, Charles F. Sitterl. And at the last service the sermon was by Rev. W. H. Freeman, of the German Reformed Church.

The Trustees were:-

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N. Lempshire. The Building Committee, consisted of the trustees and R. W. Henderson, George Sunday, L. H. Brown, Fred. Albright, E. B. Hoagland and the Pastor, E. A. Quimby.

We may add that the legend under the picture of the old mill reads,

"Grist Mill 1747."

They got this date from Snell's history of Sussex and Warren Counties. We have since learned that the right date was 1813, just a century before it was dedicated as a church edifice. Though there was a small stone mill on the same site which may have dated from 1747, or there-about, so that it is the lineal successor of the first mill.

We acknowledge receipt of these sums since last report.---

P. W. Henry, Edwin C. Perkins, G. S. Humphrey, Mrs. James E. Loder, Mrs. Henry Paulson, Mrs. Dr. L. S. B. Hadley, and Prof. Mary Bolden. All these are credited with \$2.00 each.

Claude Crarup and Wm. Schweitzer with \$1.00 each.



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