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And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

--2 Timothy, 3:15-17

"Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Christmas Exercises of the Sunday School are to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st.

Mrs. Leroy Bayliss has been appointed chairman of the program committee.

The Bulletin received a wire from Mr. Weber last Monday stating that his beloved wife, Emma Weber, had died on Sunday Dec. 4.

The funeral was in Lyndhurst where they made their home. The place of burial was not mentioned.

Mrs. Weber's life for the most part was spent in Oxford. She was formerly Mrs. S. Brown Hill, and we believe she was in some way related to the Scranton family. Her son S. B. Hill jr. lives in Long Island.

To Mr. Weber and her son the Bulletin extends sympathy, and prayer for divine consolation.

Mrs. Mary A. Riddle Obit.

Mrs. George Little passed away at her home in Oxford, December 2, 1938. She was in her 83rd year of age and for the past two years in failing health.

Mary A. Pittenger was born in Oxford, April 3rd, 1856. She was a daughter of Daniel and Elira Pittenger, who lived at that time, in what was called, a century ago, Pittenger-ville, the first settled community in Oxford.

On Nov. 14, 1878, she was united in marriage with George Riddle. They had been play-mates and school-mates and their union could not well have been other than a happy one.

Their surviving children are:- Elmer G., Bertha A., Mrs. Anna L. Armstrong, Raymond J., William, and Mrs. Hazel E. Green.

There were also present at her funeral Her sister, Mrs. Ed. F. Stout, and three brothers, Abram, Eugene, and Elmer.

At the age of 17 Mrs. Riddle was received into our church communion, along with her mother, and most of her active life she was an earnest church worker and a sincere Christian.

She was a charter member of the local chapter of the "Sons and Daughters of Liberty."

The funeral was from the home on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 6th., and the interment in the Hazen Cemetery.

Mr. Weston did not know of the death of Mr. Riddle and Thomas Bell, when he sent the following tribute to our dead.

"The grim Reaper has exacted its inexorable toll in taking from us a number of dear friends, among them:- Mrs. Daniel Thomas, Mrs. Nellie Weber *Noera*, Mrs. *Harriet Brighan*, and Mrs. Emma Weber, who have at last reached that haven of peace, security and eternal rest. And while we bow in reverence to the decree of the Great giver of Life, who now recalls them to their heavenly Home, we never-the-less mourn their passing, and in the thought that their earthly existence is over, but still thankful that they have left with us a blessed Memory."

Mr. George S. Humphrey writes:-

"I have read with much interest in the Bulletin of Nov. 27th, the reference to the Dedication Services of the 'Colonial' Methodist Church, which Dr. Aitkin was so fortunate as to find among his papers.

While this event occurred long after I left Oxford, it interested me very much, for I was familiar the old church building which was completed during my residence there; and of course with the grist mill which was still in operation as such when I left Oxford in 1885.

There can be no doubt that the iron fly-wheel mentioned was one of the two which were a part of the blowing engine of the old furnace, which was in process of dismantling at about that time.

It is quite significant that Mr. Leonard Peckitt of the Warren Foundry Co. when I first interviewed him regarding the deeding of the Furnace property to some appropriate association, said that he was sorry that the original blowing engine at the 'New' furnace had been scrapped rather than preserved as an example of engines used at the time (1870 or 1871), that that furnace was built. How much greater is the pity that the Old furnace engine, installed in the 1850s, was not left standing in its position!

There was no 'fly-wheel' connected with the machinery at the grist mill which included no steam engine; being operated by water power, from the same race-way which supplied water for cooling tuyeres etc. at the furnace.

I very well remember Rev. Wesley Martin, who was Pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church in the early 1880s — a fine and able young man. He lived at the 'Fowler House' for a while. Also I recall his predecessor, Rev. Mr. McCauley, who with his wife was held in high esteem and affection by the entire community. I wonder if there others who remember them?

Memorial To John Thomas Bell
By his son, Kenneth V. Bell

DADDY

Ah, Death, what hast thou robbed us of:
A living friend, a father's love;
The finest man that God let live,
But God received, and we must give;

Who ever was the kindest friend,
Who gave and gave right to the end,
Who never said an unkind thing,
Who lived in hope of seeing spring;

Who worked and strove, year and year,
That we might have a home so dear.
Such was our Daddy, gray and old,
Who hoped to live yet days untold.

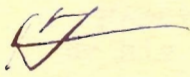
Our Daddy was an honest man;
To live in justice was his plan,
And it shall be our aim and strife
To live up to his noble life.

(Printed by Request)

Mrs. Minnie (Badrow) Hahn sends us
a quotation from James Russell Lowell
which she likes, and we think
others will like it too:--

'The longer on this earth we live
And weigh the various qualities of men
The more we feel the high, stern-
 featured beauty
Of plain devotedness to duty.
Steadfast and still, nor paid
 with mortal praise,
But finding amplest recompense
For life's ungarlanded expense
In work done squarely,
 and unwasted days."

The Bulletin has received \$ 2.00
per Mr. Humphrey for Miss Eugenia
Henry. This was over looked in the
last report.
Also one dollar from Wm. Schweitzer.



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