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Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. ---Isaiah 51:11

"Increase, O God, the faith and zeal of all Thy people that they may more earnestly desire, and more diligently seek the salvation of their fellow men, through the message of thy love in Jesus Christ.

Multiply the number of those who labor in the Gospel, granting unto them a heart of love, and the power of the Holy Ghost, that they may be able to persuade men to forsake sin and turn unto Thee.

A card from Mrs. H. B. Thompson says:- "Mrs. Wm Poole passed away last week at the Masonic Home in Burlington, N. J. and was buried in Dunmore Cemetery, Scranton, Pa., where she formerly lived. At one time she was a school teacher in the Brick School, being a resident of Oxford for many years. She was very much interested in the Bulletin." (Her maiden name was Naomi McFall, and married in Oxford. She was 92 years old at death, and a very estimable woman. Ed.)

Mrs. Henry Zulauf, whose excellent article appears in this issue, has a kind word for the Bulletin, thus:- "I look forward to reading the Bulletin each week. It is very interesting to us all, and especially to us out of town, old Oxfordites, who never forget the old home town, and through its medium are reminded of people and things of the yesteryears, as well as of the present. I wish to congratulate you and express my appreciation for your personal effort and good work in connection with its issue, and extend my best wishes for its continued success and popularity.

The Ladies will serve a Cafeteria Supper March 17th, in the chapel.

Mrs. Caroline Stout Zulauf writes:

"Reading Mrs. Jepson's article on the Centennial caused me to reminisce. I am reminded of the time my cousin, Nellie Hornbaker (sister of the late Wm. Hornbaker) and I sat in the back seat of the Dutch Hill School drawing and painting maps for the Centennial, in competition with other schools throughout the country. Nellie's task was a map of Europe, while mine was that of Africa. This school, long since abandoned, was at that time functioning on a highly efficient standard under the Principalship of Jos. L. Terwilliger, an outstanding educator of his day. I wonder how many are left who remember Mr. Terwilliger and his monthly report cards, on which he wrote our grades, progress, notation etc., and which our parents were required to examine and sign each month?

Among our study subjects were Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Botany, Composition, Algebra, Physiology, Drawing, Latin, Mental Arithmetic, Book-keeping, U. S. history Elocution, and general exercise--a curriculum which I think compares favorably with those of our modern schools of the larger towns of today.

I still have my Herbarium book in which we placed our flowers after they were pressed and dried, making note of the latin and common names, and the family to which they belonged. It contains a considerable collection of well preserved and interesting subjects--flowers that were gathered in and around the hills and woods of Oxford. Among them was a blue-fringed Gentian of which I was very proud--it being the only one ever found by the class.

I have since seen the blue bottle Gentian species, in the Adirondacks but none of the blue fringed type.

Oxford was too small a town to hold a man of Mr. Terwilliger's capabilities for many years. Later he was called to Washington, N. J., and soon after to Newark, N. J. in the capacity of Supt. of Schools, or Principal of the High School, I am not sure which. (see last page)

Old Oxford Days

Miss Edna M. Weston

By Clinton E. Weston

When the works closed down in Oxford many of the people moved to various sections of the country to engage in other occupations than the iron industry; and by this migration the succeeding generation had an opportunity, in time, to choose their particular line of endeavor.

It is interesting to note the great number of the former girls and boys of Oxford who have risen through their own efforts to places of honor and responsibility. The readers of the Bulletin will be pleased to hear about one of those girls.

She is Miss Edna M. Weston, daughter of the late George H. Weston and Florence Mattison, and she first saw the light of day in Oxford. But leaving there at an early age, her recollections of it are rather vague yet she recalls some incidents of her early childhood while living on Hill St. that made a lasting impression, the memories of which she recalls with enthusiasm and delight.

Eighty years ago in New Brunswick, there was organized the "New Jersey Council of Religious Education."

The then Senator Frelinghuysen was the first President, and the head-quarters were maintained in Trenton. About fifty years later, an office was opened in Newark.

Should you by chance call at the office, now at 45 Bleecker street, go to the second floor, and in the office on one of the desks you will observe the name, "Miss Weston".

You will be greeted with a smile which makes you conscious of facing an engaging personality. For 28 years Miss Weston has been an Assistant to the General Secretary; and to realize the fact that she has seen in this time six Secretaries come and go, each one recognizing the distinct value she meant to the Society, made each one feel fortunate in having one so dependable for information and counsel.

I suspect there are many people who are unaware of the activities of this Society. (over)

Miss Weston has been such a keen student and has devoted so much of her life to religious work that she is considered an expert in this particular field. It is interesting to note that New Jersey was the first in the field to seriously take up religious training for the instruction of modern ideas to Sunday School teachers and other religious workers, which have been studied and perfected so far as possible, in order to bring teachers to a higher grade of efficiency.

The Society is undenominational and is maintained by voluntary contributions. Each County in the State is represented, and you will be glad to learn that our own County of Warren stands well up with the leaders. Between four and five hundred contribute to the support, and the mailing list contains 6,300 names, all of which come under the supervision of Miss Weston.

At Blairstown, in the summer, a two weeks camp where teachers and others who are interested come for knowledge and inspiration, and it is to this camp that Miss Weston is assigned.

At the annual meeting of the Society held in Newark in January, and which was largely attended by Ministers and Laymen, a special tribute was publicly given to Miss Weston for her conscientious work, her fine character and her intimate knowledge of the many details of the Society.

Both she and her mother frequently read the Bulletin with absorbing interest, proving that Old Oxford Days still hold a fond place in their memories. I have a notion that you will meet them at the next Reunion.

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Miss Nellie Kean, sister of Mrs. Jepson and Mrs. Fred Fowler, also taught in this school.

I still retain one of my report card booklets and value it highly.

The Bulletin thanks Mrs. Elise Zapp for \$1.00, and Clinton E. Weston for \$5.00.



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