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This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

I John 1: 5, 7.

"O Lord, our God, we desire to feel thee near us in spirit and in body at this time. We know that in thee we live and move and have our being; but we are cast down and easily disquieted, and we wander in many a sad wilderness where we lose the conscious experience of Thy presence. Yet the deepest yearning of our hearts is unto thee. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so pant our souls after thee, O God. Enter thou into our souls and fit them for thyself, making them pure with Christ's purity, loving and lovable with his love. Amen."

The monthly meeting of the Aid Society will occur next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs L. Bayliss. Arrangements for the Reunion are to be made, and a full attendance of the Ladies will be of great help.

At the Congregational meeting Elder Lewis Bergenback was re-elected for a term of four years and installed as a ruler Elder.

Also Trustees James Radcl, and Charles Renner, and Charles Dux were relected to serve for the term of three years.

Shrope---Sadlon

Miss Marjorie Shrope of Washington and Paul Sadlon of Oxford were united in marriage on Saturday evening, April 22nd, at the Manse. The best wishes of their many friends will follow these excellent young people for a happy married life.

The Ninth Annual Reunion, May 21st, is starting with unusual interest.

More persons are sending in word of their plans to attend than ever at this early date, which augurs a good attendance.

Mrs. Jennie Redel Ardess, writes from her home in Wytheville, Va.--

"Here is another 500 south of Oxford also planning to attend the reunion this year. I am getting real excited, as this will be my second time. If it is as good as my first time, I shall have pleasant memories to look back on. I saw friends that I had not seen since I left Oxford."

But here is a party coming at least 200 miles farther. Mrs. Mary Weber Lemmon informs us of her plans, saying, "Fortune favors us again. It looks as if my Father and I could be at the reunion, and I have a faint hope too that Mr. Lemmon may be able to make it."

Dr. Frank H. Perkins, M.D. of Lancaster Mass. says, "I am planning now to come to the reunion and bring my family, and trust we will have the usual good weather."

Mr. Weston sends a copy of a letter he has received from Mrs. O.N. Perry, who has recently passed her birthday. She is nearing her century mark. The letter says:

"Thank you for your cordial birthday greetings. The happiness of the day was increased by the kindly greetings of old Oxford friends.

"I spent the day in Woodbridge with my children, grandchildren and great grand-children. Greetings from many friends in person and by mail made a full day of happy hours.

"My wish for each one is that you may have as many and as happy birthdays as I have been privileged to enjoy. How I should like to meet all who attend the reunion on May 21st, but I fear it will not be possible this year. I have happy memories of years spent in Oxford and of the Church reunions, when I was able to meet with you. Please extend my best wishes to all. May you have a day of joyous inspiration.

(signed) Rebecca Perry.

More About Horses By George S. Humphrey

Although I was never much of a horse man myself I have greatly enjoyed the recent articles in the Bulletin by Ed. Perkins and Sam. Cooper, recounting the history of those former equine inhabitants of Oxford.

My own recollection along these lines goes back to a time when the above mentioned contributors were "babes in arms." Just about sixty-four years ago, on March 26, 1875, to be exact, occurred 'Joe' Scranton's birth-day. I won't say which one, but it can be expressed in one figure!

I had at that time been in Oxford about a week and living with Mr. and Mrs. Scranton. At breakfast time Joe surprised us by appearing in front of the dining room window astride the back of "Nellie" a saddle horse belonging to his father, Col. Charles Scranton. It was considered a great accomplishment and prefigured Joe's ability in horsemanship which he developed to such a high degree in later life.

The only other horses whose names I remember were Mr. Eugene Henry's "Frank" which has already been mentioned by Ed. Perkins; and later "Topsy" a smart little mare belonging to Mr. O.N. Perry, who at that time was manager of the Company's farms. He drove her to a light four wheeled sulky and I remember more than one occasion when I had the privilege of borrowing her for a trip to Washington or other near by point. She was very gentle and quite suited to my some what limited ability as a driver.

Speaking of horses, I wonder who can remember Mr. Scranton's coachman, William Saddler. He was a trim, bright-looking young fellow and surely kept Mr. Scranton's horses and equipment in fine condition. He remained several years in the late '70s or early '80s and was succeeded by John Deppe, a colored man.

No one seems to have mentioned what was known as "Weston's Cart" a three or four seated "democrat" with a top or canopy, belonging to Mr. C.B. Weston. As I remember it, he did not keep a team, but the wagon was in frequent demand for 'Picnics' for which

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Oxford was famous in those days. The motive power was provided by horses obtained from other owners, usually by drawing on the Company stables, or one of the farms. No matter how necessary the animals might be for regular work, a picnic always took precedence. Life in Oxford in those days surely possessed many charms!

We have to thank Mr. George S. Dufford, our poet contributor, for a pleasant letter, in which he states that the poem in our Easter issue was first published in this paper though it has been accepted by a publishing firm. He adds: "Mrs. Dufford and I will be at our summer home about the 15th of May, and if permissible, I should like to be with you on the occasion of your annual reunion on May 21st, if that is possible. Please advise if these re-unions are open to wanderers like myself?"

Yes, Mr. Dufford, all visitors will be heartily welcome to the reunion, but you would be thrice welcome as an honored guest.

We believe Mr. Dufford's summer home is on Schooley Mountain, near Hackettstown. He encloses two more original poems for future use in the Bulletin. For which we thank him.

We acknowledge a kind note from Mrs. Frederick Fowler, inclosing her subscription to the Bulletin, and indicating her intention of being present at the reunion.

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Miss Fannie Bigelow, by Mrs. Lewis Hoagland, \$1.50.
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Remember that the morning worship on May 21st, begins at 11 A.M. d. s. t.



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