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Oxford Historical Record

Old Oxford Sketches  
By Edwin E. Perkins

The Old Stone Chapel

Come Back, spirit of the little Old Stone Chapel, and breathe into us afresh the store of events which were unfolded within your friendly walls ere the builders tore them asunder. Yes, your body was broken, dismembered; but your spirit stills lives in the hearts of men.

And these shall raise their voices one by one and recount the glories of your staunch shelter, and tell of your services to women and men and little children. And the days may not be counted when this influence will end. ----

Oxford's First Singing School

Of course it had to be held in the Stone Chapel; there was no other suitable building in town. As I recall it we entered the front door at the left of the building, and to the right of this entrance as one entered was the stage or platform where the singing master at first taught us our Do, Re, Me, Fas.

We met once a week, directly after school. Probably a small fee was charged for the course. This served to remind us that our lessons "cost money," and that we each should get a fair return by "by paying attention." I hope some one will supply the name of our teacher; my own recollection is that he was a man from out of town. Looking upon this class we see Mrs. Lukens, and her three sisters--Jennie, Lula, and Carrie Scranton; Sadie, Mame and Maggie Lukens; Clin and Millie Weston, also Bert and May Weston. Then we see George Dearborn; George, Joe, and Nellie Henry; Harry and Ed Perkins; Lizzie and Henry Ward; Clem and Ernest Brigham; Fred Ward and his sister Kate; Willie Sparrow and his sister Lizzie; Jim and Sarah Thomas; Sidney Edwards, Etc., and then some of the older folks to help keep us boys serious.

But I was a very young boy, and this memory is one of my very earliest  
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so you will not expect me to remember the names of the whole class.

But there were many others, I am sure. And how we used to peal forth on

"Come, come to the Singing School  
Let no one stay away.  
Come, come, come.  
Come to the singing School.  
Here we'll sing the merry, merry Lay  
Tra, la-la-la La-la-la la-la-la  
Tra, la-la-la la-la-la."

We boys used to sing the last line luh-luh-luh because we could make a louder noise with this substitution. As I remember it we were pretty good on that last line.

But what about the tune? some one asks. Surely you must remember it. If not see me at the reunion in May and I may give a private audition to a very select few, in the Belfry of the church above the Choir loft where the bats, swallows and pigeons will be our only auditors. My telephone number will be LACKING -0.

At a recent meeting of the Sunday School Board the following officers were relected for the ensuing year.

Superintendent-----E. B. Foss  
Asst. " -----Kenneth Bell  
Secretary -----Alvin Renner  
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The new officers of the Young People's Society are

President ----- Alice Bell  
Asst. " ----- Wilbur Johnson  
Secretary ----- Jeane Oram  
Treasurer ----- Mrs. Ella Ritzer  
Organist ----- Frances Pittenger

The young people are deeply religious, and have the evangelistic spirit. They desire the prayers and co-operation of all the congregation.

It is well to remember that all spiritual awakenings have been in the past started by the younger generation.

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The Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

I Samuel 16:7

"O God, our heavenly Father, keep us in thy fatherly care: Bind us to thyself with cords of faith and love that we may rest securely in Thee. Feed us out thy Word, and may it be sweet to our souls. May prayer daily acquaint us with Thee, and make us calm and strong. Cause the light of thy face to shine upon us, so that we shall ever see our path, and find the world our Father's home. In Jesus' name. Amen."

There was held in the chapel last Tuesday evening a religious and social meeting under the auspices of the young people, and it was decided to make the Sunday evening meeting a Special Bible Study hour along lines followed during the past year.

And it was also decided to hold each week night a prayer meeting in the chapel. It will be held next week on Tuesday evening, and every body is invited. It will be informal and in the nature of an intimate prayer circle.

Miss Thelma M. Bush, the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bush, died last Monday after a long illness. The community mourns the loss of a very worthy and lovely young girl taken away in the early spring of her life. The sympathy of all is extended to the bereft parents and family.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the home and was conducted by Rev. L.H. Seamans, and assisted by the pastor of this church.

Interment was in the Cemetery in Belvidere, N.J.



May 21. Reunion Day. May 21.

As this issue is being sent to so many who do not receive the Bulletin, we will repeat the general program of the day.

Morning Worship, 11 A.M.

Sermon by Rev. Howard D. Perkins  
Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, of  
Portland, Maine.

Luncheon by Ladies, 40¢

2 o'clock afternoon meeting, Chairman Clinton E Weston. Short talks by Ed. F Stout, G S Humphrey, Will. G. Atwood Mrs Clarence Price, Mrs. Mary Lemmon Misses Amelia Zapp and Matilda Dreisbach, and others.

Special music by the Burd Trumpeters will be a feature.

About two hours at noon for the lunch and visiting among friends.

Mr. Humphrey writes "As usual I am looking forward to the reunion with high anticipations and know that I shall not be disappointed.

What an institution it has become!"

Mr. George H. Dearborn inquires:-

"Kindly let me know date of Reunion and also reserve (?) seats at the dinner. My sister and I are looking forward to this occasion when we meet friends of other days."

A rather new feature in the reunions is developing, that of family groups. We have been told of two such groups planning for this time and there may be more of them, thus accomplishing two objectives at one time. Probably the custom will grow in the future.

It will be appreciated by the Ladies if those who plan to come and have luncheon will send a card to that effect.

Some have written for local accommodations for Saturday night or more during their stay in Oxford,

They have been supplied, and others can be cared for if they apply for it in time. These requests may all be sent to the Editor.



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