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Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer... for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

----Isaiah 56: 7

"O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Next Sabbath morning the Lord's Supper will be administered, and all our people will want to sit at His holy table to renew their spiritual strength and rededicate themselves to His blessed service. New members will be received and baptism administered to those who may apply.

The Annual Sunday School Rally will be held next Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. to all the people of our congregation an earnest invitation is extended. Bring your friend and neighbors.

This day, October 1st, has been set aside by all churches as a day for prayer for the whole world.

The President has earnestly asked all religious persons of our nation to go to Church and join in the prayers for humanity, as there is no hope for humanity apart from religion and the spiritual power it alone can supply. As in similar times of danger and distress in the world the old Prophet cried out to the people, "To your tents, O Israel and to His word and testimony," so ought we to meet together and call upon his Holy Name.

Letter from Dr. Geo. DeB. Keim
Chairman of the State Committee on
Historic Sites:--

"I have your letter of September 13th, 1939. Our Commission did receive \$1,000 extra this year, but the Legislature ear-marked it for necessary repairs to the Princeton Battle Monument and the Trenton Battle Monument, which are over and above our usual running expenses.

"I do hate to be continually telling you that we are not in a position financially to undertake the work in which you are so interested, and in which we are so anxious to be of help. It just seems as though we are unable to get the Legislature to make the appropriation necessary for the work.

Just as soon as Mr. Marple or I have an opportunity we will arrange to come to Oxford to see you."

This brief and definite statement of Dr. Keim precludes any hope of work on the furnace this year.

The Editor has personal knowledge of the earnest efforts made by the Committee on Historic Sites, in the past three years, to get an appropriation from the Legislature for the furnace. But though recommended by the Budget Committee of both houses, it failed to pass on the final vote of the legislature.

The cause was always the stupendous Relief appropriation, which has run from 20 to 30 millions annually.

Perhaps it will be much less the next year, from business stimulation resulting from the war, but yet no one can forecast any thing in such a chaotic state of affairs as now obtains in the world.

So we still must exercise patience and hope for better conditions that will surely come in time.

In the mean time we must plan to push the matter in all ways possible. We hope to bring it before some persons in the Legislature in the coming months who may help by their influence to press the cause more effectively than in the past years. It might help much if all former Oxford citizens in the state would speak to their own representatives.

Letter from Mr. G. S. Humphrey
(Written at Cortland, N.Y. Sept. 17)

Some months ago there was a reference in the Bulletin to the fact that journals of some of the officers serving in Sullivan's campaign against the Six Nations in 1779, indicated that encampment had been made at Oxford.

While in Albany recently I was much pleased to be able to obtain at the State Library a copy of the book published by the State in 1879 containing accounts of celebrations held marking the Centennial of Sullivan's expedition, and other matters related thereto, including copies of extant journals of officers.

This replaced a copy of the same book I had obtained many years ago, but which in the course of my numerous 'movings' has been mislaid or lost. In looking over the journals I find several references to Oxford and vicinity, and enclose extracts which I think you will find of interest.

As you may know the greater part of Sullivan's army assembled at Easton and was later augmented by Clintons and others at Tioga Point.

All these journals are of great interest to me as I am familiar with the Lake Country in Central New York, where most of Sullivan's operations took place.

While there seems to be no direct mention of the fact, it does seem to be quite fair to assume that cannon balls from the Oxford Furnace were included in the amunitions and other supplies which assembled at Easton. It is also interesting to note that at the decisive battle at Newtown (near Elmira) where Sullivan's success against the combined forces of Tories and Indians was in great measure due to the artillery which was in all probability supplied with cannon balls and possibly shells from Oxford.

After a month in the Adirondacks with the Hadleys, I have been spending ten days at their home here in Cortland. Tomorrow I go to Elmira for a short visit with my nieces, Miss Mary Belden and her sister Mrs. Taylor; and on Tuesday will go on to New York. (over)

The Editor is glad to hear from Mr. Humphrey again, and to get his interesting letter which gives some new facts about General Sullivan's expedition against the Iroquois and their Loyalist allies in 1779.

The extracts from the Journals of the officers which relate their movements in New Jersey give vivid and interesting details of their actions. But some of the extracts were sent to the Bulletin last January by Mrs. Ralph Decker, of Sussex, N. J., and notes were made of them there. (see Bulletin no. 443.)

Mr. Humphrey however points out that two of them are from the journals of officers of the 2nd and 3rd regiments of New Hampshire troops, on their way through New Jersey to Easton. These are dated in May, 1779. But the others are dated in October, after the return of the army from their campaign, to Easton where they were disbanded and sent to other stations.

General John Sullivan was one of Washington's great generals. He commanded the right wing at the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and took part in most of the important battles of the Revolutionary War. He a native of New Hampshire, and their greatest man in that period.

Mr. George Z. Williams, of Great Meadows, was once a citizen of Oxford, though a very young one. For his father Lewis V. Williams kept a lumber yard here from 1873 to 1880, and was also Station Agent for a time. The yard had belonged to O. N. Perry from whom Williams purchased it. It was located across the railroad opposite the watertank on land owned by Wm. R. Call. Williams sold it in 1880 to George Staufer and a Mr. Eddinger who lived in eastern Penna., and a Mr. Faust was employed as manager.

Mr. George Williams hasn't lost his interest in Oxford, and has attended several of our reunions.

We acknowledge receipt of one dollar from Mrs. Elise Zapp; and \$1.50 from Mr. L. R. Dohm, of Phillipsburg, who has long been a subscriber to the Bulletin.



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