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Say not thou, What is the cause
that the former days were better
than these? for thou dost not
enquire wisely concerning this.
--- Ecclesiastes 7:10

"Most high and mighty Ruler of
the universe, by whom our nation
hath been established in freedom
and preserved in union; in this
feast of harvest we thank Thee for
the fruits of the earth. We thank
Thee also for Thy favor shown unto
our fathers, and Thy faithfulness
continued unto their children; for
the rich land given us for an in-
heritance, and the great power en-
trusted to the people; for the
fidelity of men set in authority,
and the peace maintained by right-
eous laws; for protection from
outward dangers, and deliverance
from inward strife; for an honor-
able place among the nations, and
the opportunity of increasing
service to the world. Keep Thou
the commonwealth beneath Thy care,
and guide the State according to
Thy will: and Thine shall be the
glory and the praise and the
thanksgiving for evermore. Amen."

"A meeting of the Hillside Cem-
etry Association will be held on
Sunday, Nov. 19, 1939, at two o'clock
in the Colonial M. E. Church."

Mrs. Bessie Henderson, Sec.

The Bulletin has been supplied
with a copy of the report of the
Treasurer of the Hillside Cemetery
association, Mr. A. Edward Badrow.

The fiscal year ending Oct. 13th
1939, began with a balance from the
previous year of \$480.82. The
receipts during the year totaled
\$1,253.92, making in all \$1,734.74

The disbursements, nearly all
for labor and improvements, were
\$541.28. The reserve fund now
amounts to 1,078.78, practically
all for perpetual care, for which
\$690 was received in the year.

There was \$99.00 paid in for
seasonal care. It was a successful
year for the Association, and all
will hope it will be kept up.

Mr. Humphrey Honored

Old-er Oxford Days
Apologies to Mr. Weston
By George S. Humphrey

From a program we copy the following:-

"Richmond Lodge No. 66. F. & A. M. Masonic Temple, Port Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y. The Grand Lodge of the State will honor our distinguished brother, George S. Humphrey by attaching to his fifty-year Service Medal, a Service Bar to commemorate his completing sixty years of faithful Masonic service to the Craft."

This meeting takes place Monday evening Nov. 20th, 1939.

Mr. Humphrey was made a Mason in Oxford in 1879, and he has sent a special invitation to members of the local Lodge to be present on that occasion, and some are planning to go. The program states that this Service Bar has never before been awarded to any member in that District of the State.

His multitude of friends will rejoice with him for this rare mark of his worthy life and character.

Mrs. J. O. Loder, of Philadelphia graciously writes:-

"May I extend to you, as Editor of that remarkable little paper the 'Bulletin,' my very heartiest congratulations on its tenth Anniversary? Mrs. Yount and you have done a very fine piece of work throughout these years. I mention Mrs. Yount because I realize the great help she has given you not only in the 'proof-reading', but in the encouragement which only a good 'companion' can give.

"The Reunions themselves - an outgrowth of the Bulletin - are worth all the work of these ten years, but the news in each edition is so interesting and entertaining, it has made me look forward to Saturday's mail which brings it to me, with eagerness and pleasure. May the life of the Bulletin continue for many years."

The Manse is grateful for these words of encouragement and appreciation of the Bulletin and the service it has been trying to render to the friends of Oxford.

"Clin's account of Oxford Days are always interesting as well as amusing. I too remember the old brick school house and Clin's allusion to it in a recent Bulletin brings up recollections of incidents that occurred there which he no doubt is too young to remember.

On the third floor there was an auditorium which I suppose was used for school purposes, but was also utilized for public entertainments and meetings of various kinds.

I remember especially a little play called "The loan of a lover," which was coached by Mrs. William Scranton; the leading characters being represented by Emma Winkley, Jennie Scranton, Robert Cook, Will Henry (I think) and myself. Possibly there were others whose names I have forgotten, though I do recall that Isaac Ward took the place of Bob Cook in a second performance - Bob having meanwhile left Oxford.

I recall that my part was an army officer, and there being no military uniform available, I appeared in the outfit of a Knight Templar, which was loaned by Capt. C. C. Weston, Clin's father. I remember with much pride my resplendent appearance in the dark coat with gold buttons, the sword and belt, and crowned with a Knight's plume. I felt well-entitled to be the 'lover' I was supposed to represent. Any way, the audience which packed the hall, seemed to enjoy the play so much that it was soon afterward repeated.

And now there comes to my mind an occurrence which, I fear, doesn't reflect so much credit upon myself and other boarders at the "Fowler House." A travelling theatrical troupe which had arranged to give a few performances in the school house made their headquarters in the old Manor House and of course had their meals with the rest of us who lived there. On the evening of the first show we boys all attended in a body.

For some reason we were not pleased with the entertainment, but made no complaint.

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However, we felt aggrieved, and, also without any good ground, having taken a dislike to the whole company men and women, we resolved to "get even." I forget who was our leader but presume it was Brown Hill who usually took that position on any important enterprise. At any rate, we attended the second performance, again in a body, armed with sundry vegetables which had passed their prime, and other similar weapons which though not deadly were efficacious.

After the curtain rose and the first act began (it surely was "rotten"), we commenced our bombardment, followed by a rush for the stage. The performers, at first amazed, became terrified and fled to a stairway which led up into the tower.

The audience became excited, some taking our side and others that of the performers. The only gentleman in our crowd was Fred Fowler, who like Horatio at the Bridge, stood at the foot of the stairs and prevented us from following the distracted actors; which in fact no one had any real intention of doing.

Meanwhile the melee in the auditorium was becoming serious when some one had the presence of mind to get hold of the bell rope and sound an alarm. This seemed to have a quieting effect and was followed with a speech by Fred Fowler which restored order.

I can't remember whether the show was resumed or not; but at any rate the Troupe left town the next day and "Us Fellers" were for a long time considered a pretty tough lot.

In deed, those were the "Good Old Days."

The Bulletin has received on subscriptions \$2.00 each from Mr. James Kearney, and Miss Fannie Bigelow, by courtesy of Mrs Hoagland; and two subscribers who requested their names be not mentioned.

Also a handsome anniversary gift by one of our friends.

We hope to be able to report at the end of this year enough receipts to cover all expenses.

For it seems the interest in the paper is constantly growing.



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