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Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

-----James 1:12

"We beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, gathered together in the peace of this roof, weak men and women subsisting under the covert of Thy patience. Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer;--with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavors against evil;-- suffer us a while longer to endure and (if it may) help us to do better

Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends, be with ourselves. Go with each of us to rest; if any awake, temper to them the dark hours of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our sun and comforter, and call us up with morning faces and with morning hearts, eager to labor, eager to be happy; if happiness shall be our portion-- and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. Amen."

(By Robert Louis Stevenson)

It has been suggested to the Editor that it would be pleasing to some to know the authors of the prayers printed from week to week.

This will be done so far as it is possible, but many old prayers are found in old prayer books without the author's name. The above prayer of Stevenson is one of the most famous of modern prayers.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a special meeting next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Albert Brushett, to make plans for the Reunion luncheon on May, 19th. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. 2:30 prompt.

The Bulletin has received \$3.00 from Edwin C. Perkins, and \$2.00 from Mrs. Berthier.

This is a mere reminder to our readers, and a suggestion that the Bulletin would like to be notified of your plans about attending and reservations for luncheon.

In the last few days an unusual number of Oxford citizens have died within a few days of each other, and most of them closely related.

William Kinney, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Jennie Burd Kinney, wife of Milton Burd, of Oxford; Mrs. Minnie Burd Kinney, wife of Peter Kinney. Mrs. Kinney has made her home with her sister, Mrs. William Clark Smith, of Oxford. Also another old Oxford citizen; Axford J. Wood, of Karrsville. His widow is Mrs. Anna Wilkinson Wood who will be remembered by most of the older citizens of Oxford. She was a member of our Church until a few years ago.

A gentle hint to the author of the Story of a Book-Slate. Bulletin 503. by Edwin C. Perkins

Day was ended. Night had silently dropped its veil. As was my wont I strolled down to the edge of the sea. A favorite rendezvous. Came healing and refreshment. Below the cliffs, Hesper rode gently, and softly illumined the crest of the waves as they neared the shore. Here was a cleft in a shaggy rock. As the water rushed in came the piping tones of a flute. This was new and most entrancing. I would know the player.

But this is denied me tonight. I shall return to this tryst again and again, to learn more of my new chanter.

"Book-Slate," please unfold. Reveal the name printed on your frame; or just below, etched on your surface, with nail or darning needle. It's a promise not to grasp the little round sponge hanging by its string, and besmirch your home-work, done so neatly and well.

In a note Mr. Perkins would have his name omitted from the above. But is that consistent? He wants to know who wrote Book-Slate!

Mr. Joseph H. Scranton has placed in our hands the book of records of the local political club which was organized November 17th, 1883, under the suggestive title "The Republican Phalanx." It is made up largely of a constitution and rules, and the lists of members. The engrossments are in the handwriting of Col. Chas. Scranton, who was, we presume, the leading spirit in the organization of the club, of which he was the President. The book is a substantial ledger, and in perfect condition and looks like it might have been used recently instead of 57 years ago. Doubtless, Mr. J. H. Scranton received it from his father and has kept it carefully as a treasure.

The constitution has a preface explaining the purpose of the organization which was to "Form an Association for more effectually carrying out the principles, and maintaining the sound financial, protective, moral and educational systems, which from time to time have been put forth and sustained by the great Republican party of the United States; under which systems our national government has made such triumphant progress during the past twenty years. and believing as we do that in fostering and sustaining American industry before that of any other country, the mechanic, the laborer, the farmer; as well as trades men, and men of nearly every calling and occupation has his real and true interests largely benefitted, and thus the greatest good may be done to the greatest number."

The rest of the preface deals with the details of the plan of organization. The constitution and rules are rather elaborate and substantially drawn up.

An impressive letter head has been pasted in the book, which besides the titles has the list of officers. They were the following:--

- Chas. Scranton, President.
- C. C. Weston, 1s. vice-President
- T. F. Cawley, 2nd " "
- H. Harling, 3rd " "
- Owen Garvey, 4th, "
- Alex. A. Euler, 5th " "
- E. C. Allen, Secretary

(over)

Walter McDonough, Asst. Sec.
Geo. S. Humphrey, Treasurer
Wm. H. Searing, Keeper of Rolls.

The Executive Committee

I. F. Ward; Benj. Walton; Wm. Henry;
Jas. Sullivan, 1st.
J. B. Winklev.

The Finance Committee

Wm. A. Scranton; Oliver N. Perry.
Wm. R. Call; John Thomas; Fred Janny.

Charter Members besides the
officers and committee men, were:-

C. B. Weston; E. C. Perkins; E. T. Lukens;
W. J. Axford; John Gross; Samuel Meyers;
N. O. Kingman; Chas. Wiseburn; I. A. Hunt;
G. S. Kenedy; George Bartron;
Wm. H. Martin; Philip J. Martin;
Enoch Slack; Fred Bigelow.

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Wm. R. Call; Henry Miller; John Thomas;
Henry Henderson; John H. Searing;
Geo. A. Tiffany; Arthur B. Winkley;
Alex. A. Euler, Jr.; Warren Ward;
Jas. P. Skinner, Jr.; Owen Garvey;
John Cosgrove; Jas. Sullivan, 2d.;
David Davis; Thomas Barry; Thomas Nee;
Ezra Estler; Thomas Bell; G. S. Winkley;
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Joseph Kinney; Theo. McNear; Mike Foley;
James Pittenger; D. M. Perry; Wm. Giese;
Dr. Lewis B. Hoagland; Lewis Stinson;
Wm. Linnaberry; Milton Fox.

There are some names we cannot decipher, and over 15 names signed by marks. Probably many signed to please the authorities, and later changed their political allegiance to other parties.

Now the last recorded initiation was on September 27th, 1884, which was probably the end of the Phalanx, for a few days later, Grover Cleveland was elected President over James G. Blaine, after perhaps the hottest presidential campaign in a century. No doubt it took the heart out of the young Republicans of the Club and they let it die, innocuos desuetude.



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