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Then he shall answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me.

-----Matthew 25:45

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. ---James 4:17

"Hear our prayers, O Lord, and consider our desires. Give unto us true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, a loving, friendly, holy, and useful manner of life; bearing the burdens of our neighbors, denying ourselves, and studying to benefit others, and to please Thee in all things. Grant us to be faithful in performing promises, loving to our relatives, careful of our charges; to be gentle and easy to be entreated, slow to anger, and readily prepared for every good work. Amen."

(Jeremy Taylor)

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs Brushett, 2:15, Tuesday afternoon, May 7th. Solicitors' lists should be in at that time.

The Box Social will be held at the home of Elder E. B. Foss, next Friday evening, May 10th. The proceeds will be applied to the new improvements in the Chapel. Every body is cordially invited.

New comfort arrangements have been made in the chapel which will be of great convenience to our reunion guests, and will be appreciated by them. It was a much needed improvement.

The reservations for luncheon to date, May 3rd, have reached 75, breaking all precedents. Mrs. Ella Bu-miller Kellogg, wants a table for 25, for family and relatives.

Mr. Humphrey, expects four, himself his daughter, Mrs. Rev. L. S. B. Hadley of Cortland, N. Y. and her son and daughter, John and Caroline.

Mr. Chas. Aitkin will bring two old friends with him. (see last page)

Tenth Annual Reunion, May 19th.

Mr. E. J. Perkins writes from Maine:

" May 19th approaches apace, and I shall begin planning at once for the trip to Oxford. So, please tell the ladies for me- dinner for two- for I shall hope to bring my sister Amanda with me.

Yes, I want to see again the faces of my boyhood days; reminisce and talk. I want to visit the site of my old school house; the home where I lived so happily for many years, and look over the fields where I played shinney, base ball and kick-the-stick. I want to visualize the town as I used to know it; the Company Works and look over the scenes of some of my boyhood exploits. I want to breathe again that delicious mountain air and go up on the hills and look away into the Delaware Water Gap - always so full of mystery and wonder to me in my childhood. I want to go again into the Church and Chapel, and experience the flood of memories which will come back, thrilling me with a new spirit and sense of living.

Yes, I am going back on the 19th, and it is my fond hope that I shall meet you, and you and you who may read these lines, and many others whom you will persuade to come back with you. "

Mrs Anna Badrow Gehman says:-

"It is with pleasure that we think of coming to the reunion again.

Now that May 19th is almost here,-

'They's a kind o'feel in the air' as James Riley says, and we heartily agree with him that:-

'We must get home, for we have been away

So long, it seems forever and a day. And O so very homesick we have grown The laughter of the world is like a moan

In our tired hearing, and its song as vain.

We must get home, we must get home again!

So I am sure your big Reunion family will be arriving to spend the day, and all happy to come home again!

More About the Phalanx
By Charles S. Aitkin

Anent the reference to the Oxford Phalanx, The place of meeting was the abandoned Stock House near the old Furnace, along the road leading to Dutch Hill. These meeting places were popularly called Wigwams at that period. It was fitted up by the Company and made fairly comfortable. Large cast-iron stoves supplied the heat, with oil lamps for lighting. A raised platform served the purpose of a stage upon which sat the officers of the Club, invited guests and candidates, the band and the speakers.

Excellent meetings were held and notable speakers were heard, among them being Andrew Carnegie.

Participation in parades was a feature of the organization. But it was no great fun to march along the Oxford Streets, then unimproved.

On one occasion the Club took part in a torch light procession in Hackettstown, and the Streets were decidedly soft caused by recent rains. Another turnout was a parade in Belvidere, including a political meeting in the Court House.

All these occasions were enlivened with music by the band under the efficient leadership of Mr. E. T. Lukens. No better music was heard along the lines of march than furnished by this organization, about which the Bulletin has given expression.

(Mr. J. E. Weston adds the names of General Kilpatrick and Colonel Schoonmaker among the speakers for the Club. Ed.)

Mr. Aitkin says in a note:-

"We did have enjoyable days in Oxford fifty or more years ago, tho' quite in contrast with today's life

I wish some pictures of the industrial conditions were procurable; for there was considerable activity when the entire plant was in operation."

The Editor can say that such pictures are available by photographing many existing pictures, some of them quite large.

This could and should be done by some competent artist of the camera and it ought to be done soon before it is too late.

Mrs. O.N. Perry, of Haddon Heights, N.J. recently celebrated her 98th birthday. She is the only surviving charter-member of our Church which was organized in 1863 - 77 years ago! She is still enjoying very good health, and we regret that she cannot attend our reunion this year, for reasons given in the following letter to Clinton E. Weston, dated April 24th:--

"Dear Mr. Weston: It is always a pleasure to receive greetings from my friends, and among the nearly one hundred cards that came to me for my ninety eighth birthday, I cherish yours, for it is good to be remembered by my Oxford friends. I greatly regret that, since the Annual Reunions come on Sundays, it makes it almost impossible for me to attend. Although Mr. Maxwell has retired, he is kept very busy, and has had very few Sundays without a preaching engagement.

"We spent last Friday, the 19th, at my daughter's, Mrs. B.W. Hoagland's in Woodbridge, where I enjoyed a fine party. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, my friends here and in Camden, continued to celebrate with me, and I am rejoicing in the blessing of friendships. Please remember me to my friends of our dear old Church, and tell them, if it were possible I would be with them on the 19th. May it be a day filled with the blessing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As you think again of the rich heritage of the Second Church Oxford, may you be encouraged to go forward in the Master's service. With all good wishes to each and every one,

Rebecca Perry

(from first page)

Mrs. Fred Fowler will come with her son Wilford. And Mrs. Lizzie Hummer asks for 5 luncheons.

Mrs. Gehman, of N.Y. City, wants 6 places for her family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Sarno, of White Plains N.Y.

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