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These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

--- Hebrews 11: 13

"O God, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek Thee, and find that of Thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by Thy guidance, and rested on Thy compassion; still to their children be Thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. In our manifold temptations, Thou alone knowest and art ever nigh; in sorrow, Thy pity revives the fainting soul; in our prosperity and ease, it is Thy Spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us low. O Thou sole Source of peace and righteousness! take now the veil from every heart; and join us in one communion with Thy prophets and saints who have trusted in Thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of Thy tender mercy, hear our prayer.
(James Martineau. 1840)

The Summer Communion will be observed on Sabbath morning July 21st two weeks from to-day. The rite of baptism will be administered to those who may be presented. There will also be special music.

A Vacation Bible School will begin tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock conducted by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, under the auspices of a County Association for that work. Mr. Seamans will have general oversight and the sessions will be held in Sunday School rooms of the two Churches. All children of the community are invited to attend. The School will last only two weeks

The Annual Sunday School picnic will take place next Saturday, at Dorney Park, near Allentown, Pa. Non members will pay \$.1.00 fare.

An Oxford Centenary

One hundred years ago, 1840, the greatest period of Oxford's history was inaugurated. For it was then that the firm of George W. and Selden T. Scranton was formed. It is true that Selden purchased the old Furnace in 1839, but George did not become a member of the company until the following spring. This is made clear by the ledgers of the firm now in our Possession.

But this is not the only great work the Scranton brothers started in that year. They took over the property and plans of William Henry at Scranton, built the furnace there and became the founders of that important city, an event which that city is to celebrate this fall, as their centenary.

It must be kept in mind that though the old furnace dates from 1741, yet there was nothing but the furnace here until after the Scrantons took hold of the property.

As late as 1844 a standard New Jersey history (Barber and Howe) says, "Oxford Furnace has an iron furnace, grist-mill, store and half a dozen houses." But the Scrantons began pushing the iron works, increasing the products, with so much energy that their business grew rapidly, new workmen were employed, and the place began to grow in population which 30 or 30 years later amounted to over 3,000 souls; and then was the leading industrial center of northern Jersey.

Moreover the Scrantons were very devoted churchmen, and immediately organized a Sunday School, and arranged for ministerial supply, which soon resulted in the erection of the first church house in Oxford, the old Presbyterian stone chapel, built in 1848. This was followed by the German Reform, the Methodist and the St. Rose Catholic churches, and the Danish Lutheran church some time later.

Since such a remarkable development, all dating from 1840, surely deserves some kind of commemoration by the citizens of Oxford.

Reunion Address by Floyd E. Dreisbach

My parents brought me to Oxford on the 23rd day of March, 1886, and took me away again on the 3rd day of April, 1906; a stay of just a little more than twenty years. I will endeavor to give you some of my experiences in that period.

My most lasting memories of Oxford are connected with this Church.

Soon after arriving here I was started to Sunday School in Mrs. Lukens' Primary Department. I know that there are some here who remember the picture chart from which she taught the lessons. Pictures of Noah and the Ark, Daniel in the Lion's Den, The Three Men in the fiery Furnace, and the Shepherd Lad, are all very clear in my vision to this day. I remained in this room for some years. Then with Frank Perkins and Ernest Lukens I was transferred to the large Sunday School room. Our first teacher was Miss Lulu Wolfinger who later became Mrs. Hanlon Gardner. She taught the class for about three years, then your good faithful Elder, Abram Pittenger, taught the class until Frank Perkins and Ernest Lukens left the town.

I united with the Church while I was a member of this class. After spending some time in helping in the library, I was invited to join class 10 which met in the South West corner of the chapel with Mrs. Fred Fowler as teacher. I have always felt that class 10 was the banner class of this Sunday School for all time. I felt that giving up this class was my greatest loss when I left Oxford.

I belonged also to the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. I belonged to two other organizations which were not a part of the Church but in my mind they were closely associated with it. The first was the Little Lights Society, which Miss Amelia Zapp mentioned in the beautiful talk she gave last year.

The name was later changed to Beacon Lights. The meetings were conducted by Mrs. Lukens in her home.

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The program was very much like that of a kindergarten school. We sat in a circle on small kindergarten chairs, and made things from paper; but the principal part of the program was sewing. We had strips of muslin which we joined with a number of different stitches. We sang a little song which began, "Overhanding, overhanding, See me, see me sew."

The most attractive part of the program to us little folks was the treat that Mrs Lukens gave us at close of the meeting. At various times we had cake, cookies, candy, ice cream, hot chocolate, lemonade and raspberry vinegar. All of this was greatly enjoyed. In this day and age a boy who belonged to an organization of this kind would be called a sissy. I assure you that in my way through life this experience has been of great value to me.

I want to pay tribute to Mrs Lukens for all that she did for the the benefit of youth during her active years here in Oxford.


The other organization was the Reform Club. This was made up of men of both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. John McNear, Clark Shafer, John Price, Fred Fowler and Theodore Cottle were among the members.

The meetings alternated between the two churches. When one joined this organization he was required to sign a pledge. He was then given a small piece of red ribbon about one half inch wide and three inches long to wear on the lapel of his coat, to remind him of the obligation he had taken.

I have always felt that my association with the men of this Club was a very helpful experience.

The Bulletin has received \$5.00 from Walter Docker and \$1.00 each Mrs. Elise Zapp, Mrs. Hilda Courtright and Mrs. Ernest Levy. Many thanks.

Letters and Articles for the Bulletin would be welcome at this time. Several recent articles have been from first-time contributors. Many more of the kind are solicited.



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