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Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. ---- Jeremiah 9: 23-24.

"O Lord, grant that our hearts may be truly cleansed, and filled with Thy Spirit, and that we may able to serve Thee in entire confidence and submission to Thy will, ready to endure whatsoever Thou hast appointed for us. Let us live for the day, not over charged with worldly cares but feeling that our treasure is not here, and desiring truly to be joined to Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom. O Lord, save us from sin, and guide us with Thy Spirit, and keep us in faithful obedience to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

(Thomas Arnold)

The vacation Bible School, which lasted from July 8th, to 19th, was gratifying to those connected with it. It was conducted by members of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, and the attendance averaged more than 50 daily, with sessions in the two Sunday School rooms.

Mr. Seamans had general oversight and the helpers were Mrs. Sutphen, Dorothy Paul, Cora Kinney, Jeanne Oram Mrs. A. G. Yount, Dorothy Henderson, Doretha Dalrymple, Constance Brynildsen. The local P. T. A. contributed \$5.00, and various persons smaller sums for the expenses.

Toth ---- Farinich

Miss Margaret M. Toth, of Phillipsburg, and Mr. John Farinich, of Perth Amboy, were united in marriage in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday July 23rd. The attendants were Miss Catherine Marhefka, of Phillipsburg, and Mr. Wm. R. Simmers, of Easton. The Bride is a native of Oxford and baptized in our church, and so desired to be married here.

Vacation Plans

The next issue of the Bulletin will be on August 11, two weeks from today, and then on August 25th, and on September 8th. This is the probable plan, but circumstances may change it. So our readers may understand if the schedule is not strictly followed. But they can always tell by the serial numbers whether they receive them all.

The Pastor expects to remain in Oxford except for short trips of a few days, and will conduct Sabbath services as usual until further announcement. We have found that the summer season brings many visitors to Oxford and our congregations are above the average in August.

The Manse is always delighted to have callers from old friends and new visitors. They are usually unexpected which adds to the pleasure. Since the last issue Mr. Clinton E. Weston came with Mrs. Herbert Weston and daughter and other friends.

And Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Lemmon of Birmingham, Ala. stopped over for a few calls on old friends on their way home from a visit to relatives in Conn.

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The names of others taking part in the program were: L. Stout, A. Stout, E. Trimmer, J. Weber, S. Struble, M. Cawley, A. Struble, S. Repp, N. Trimmer, M. Lanning, E. Stout, A. Burroughs, J. Burroughs, T. Meyers, G. Meyers, E. Estler, P. Mathews, E. Hartpence, I. Taylor, R. Shannon, M. Jones, L. Ward, J. Terwilliger, S. Young, C. Buskett, M. Shannon, A. VanDoren.

Prof. E. Hornbaker was the special musician. Other tableaux were:-

The Surprise. Grandfather's Clock, Courting under Difficulties. Cupid Favoring Homespun. Faith, Hope and Resignation. Kneeling at the shrine of St. Agnes. The title of the sketches or playlets were;--

You Can't Blame Me. Doxy's Diplomacy. The Little girl's Visit. Scene in the Bildad School. A Little Vesuvius, Lord Dundreary's Visit. The Lesson Worth Learning.

The Entertainment was given under the Auspices of the Oxford M. E. Sunday School. It was certainly an elaborate affair for a small town.

An Oxford Entertainment, 1878.

By Mrs. Henry Zulauf

I have been interested in the comments regarding the gathering at the tenth Reunion. The letter of Mr. Witte, of Trenton, was quite unusual, especially as he was not a resident of Oxford, and very likely does not have the same personal regard for the old Town as do the former residents. His reference to the long table with diners associated with one or two old Oxford residents was unequalled. I believe, as he said, there were about thirty of the descendants of the Stout, Bumiller and Zulauf families, with their friends gathered at this one table. In fact they could not all be accommodated at one table so that several dined at other tables. I think this makes a record for the three families represented which made a reservation for twenty five but were obliged to increase this at the meeting day.

Ever since my return from the last reunion I have been living over again the happy years spent in Oxford, especially my school days.

One occasion of which should interest some of the older readers.

I refer to one of the entertainments held in the old Methodist Church, over 62 years ago. This was only one of a number of entertainments given for the benefit of the Methodist church building fund.

The members of the M. E. Church used to say that we Presbyterians helped to build their new church. If we did I am sure we all enjoyed doing it.

Doubtless much of the funds raised was obtained from just such entertainments as the one I am about to describe. I do hope some of the readers of the Bulletin will also recall the circumstances and help locate other members of the cast.

Mr. Terwilliger, principal of the public schools, had his pupils give many entertainments to raise money for the church building, and this particular occasion stands out in my mind, as I took part in the play, which was a tableau entitled "Blue Beard's Last Wife."

A clothes line was stretched at the back of the stage or platform from which eleven dead wives' heads were hung by their hair, tied to the (over)

clothes line. (this was long before any girl heard of bobbed hair, or permanent waves). A sheet was then stretched in front of the girls just below their chins, down to the floor, giving the illusion that that they were hanging by their long hair. The girls' faces were chalked and powdered ghastly white. We dared not move an eyelash--we were Blue Beard's eleven dead wives. When Blue Beard's 12th and last wife had discovered the key to the forbidden room, she opened the door and walked in on the scene described. With arms upraised in horror, she turned white under the dim blue lights. (I do not remember how these blue lights were produced, perhaps by blue glass shades.)

A more wierd setting would be hard to imagine. Though only an instant sufficed for this scene for which so much preparation had been made, but I remember the audience gave evidence of its appreciation by hearty and prolonged applause.

Blue Beard's last wife was impersonated by Nellie Hornbaker who was a beautiful girl with large blue eyes and light hair. These days she would be considered a perfect natural blond, for this was before the time of peroxide. There were no dress shops nor evening clothes to be had in or near Oxford in those days, so Mr. Terwilliger sent to New York and hired a beautiful evening gown of pink silk, made very much in the style of to-day.

Now I should like to hear from any of those who played the part of the dead wives. Yesterday one of my old school mates called to see me. Mrs. Martha Everitt. I was showing her the old program, and when she saw the tableau she exclaimed. "Why I was one of those dead wives." So one more has come to life and perhaps the Bulletin may awaken some more. In looking over the program we discovered thirteen still living who took part in the entertainment: Jim Searing, Mary Repp Matenis, Anna Struble, Sadie Repp Weston, Nancy Trimmer, M. Little, Sarah Cuthler Faust, Edwind Stout, Martha Shafer Everitt, Lizzie Ward, Gódschalk and Carrie Stout Zulauf.

(Mrs. Zulauf sent us the old program and the date of the Entertainment was Thursday Evening, Oct. 24, 1878.

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