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I have showed you all things, how that ~~so~~ laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

---Acts 20:35

"Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not seek for rest; labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will. Amen.

(Ignatius Loyola)

At the Morning service last Sabbath Paul Arthur, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sadlon, received Christian baptism.

Kunkle - Case

Miss Florence W. Kunkle and Mr. James W. Case, both of Washington, N.J., were united in marriage at the Manse, last Monday evening. The attendants were Miss Violet Kunkle and Mr. Oliver Border, both of Easton pa. Mr. Case is employed by the Edison Company.

The Social at the home of Elder E. B. Foss on Oct. 2nd, proved very successful. It will be repeated on Oct. 30th. A small admission will be charged.

Do not forget the wrappers for the Proctor and Gamble products. From $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 cents will be paid for these wrappers. A box in the church entry has been placed to receive them.

The Manse is to be painted and repaired by the Trustees. They have met with much encouragement in collecting the funds, and desire the donations of all members and friends of the Church. Money should be sent to Lewis E. Green, Treas., or the Pastor. The Manse has not been painted since 1925, and needs it badly.

It was built in 1870, in the time of E. Clark Cline, who was the first occupant.

William H. Scranton--a Tribute

(Soon after Mr. Scranton's death in 1889, a friend wrote an article on his attainments and character, which was published in the Iron Age Magazine. Miss Grace Scranton, his niece, has copied excerpts from this article for the Bulletin. Readers will keep in mind that it was written over 50 years ago. It is a valuable historical document. Editor).

Mr. Scranton was the oldest son of the late Geo. W. Scranton, the founder of the city of Scranton. He was born the 13th of Jan. 1840. At the death of his father in 1831 he inherited a large fortune, and soon after moved to Oxford and assisted in founding the Oxford Iron Company whose buildings will stand as a monument to his memory in many years to come. In that company he held the position of civil and mining engineer until 1879 and at that time also, upon the organization of the Oxford Iron and Nail Company, became its general Manager.

These years under his management were the most successful in the history of the Company. This position he held until the fall of 1885 when he resigned, going almost immediately to Fall River Mass. as General manager of the Fall River Iron Works Co.

Mr. Scranton was a fine architect and draughtsman, his neatness, accuracy and careful method and dispatch in all his work being most noticeable. In 1872 he drew the plans and superintended the building of the large furnace at Oxford, remodeling and greatly improving it in 1885.

It is considered one of the most complete furnaces in the country, many others were built from its plan.

He was conceded by many experienced engineers to be the highest authority in the United States on Magnetic search.

He was employed in the State Geological Survey of New Jersey to experiment with a new Swedish compass imported by Dr. George Cook (the State Geologist) for Mr. Scranton's use to develop in this country a new method, employed abroad for locating veins of iron ore. Upon this compass and method Mr. Scranton made improvements, combining it with a system of his own discovery which enabled him to decide with perfect accuracy the width, depth, extent and

quantity of iron ore in any line of attraction, which the sinking of shafts proved to be correct to the fraction of a hair.

He was the only American conversant with this system, and was assisted by Mr. Labernus, a graduate of the Royal School of Mines in Sweden, sent to this country by his government for instruction in the minerals and geology of our country, and in the years work Mr. Scranton contributed, and is credited with much valuable information given to the State Survey.

At the time of his death he was engaged in writing papers for publication by the American Institute of Mining Engineers illustrating and explaining his system for their benefit. His improvements upon the dipping compass are now in use by Messrs. Gentry of Troy New York in the manufacture of their instruments.

Not only in his own State but in others as well Mr. Scranton was considered an expert authority upon all matters relating to iron ores and the manufacture of iron. His opinion was sought and given upon many an intricate iron question, and often in deciding a question of law.

He was possessed of a fine inventive and mechanical genius, which was brought into use when ever an emergency called for it.

He attended the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy N. Y., from which he was called, upon the eve of graduation, by the illness and death of his father. While there he became an ardent member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

He was a knight Templar, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Miss Grace Scranton says of her uncle:- "I well remember my uncle. I was a little girl when he passed on. A perfectly delightful and fascinating uncle, who entertained us both in his home and in our own in a way one never forgot. My father never got over his death.

Miss Scranton attended the Centennial of Scranton Pa. recently, and she was made a member of the Committee on arrangements--a very fitting honor to the niece of William H. Scranton, founder of that city.

Letter from Selden H. Kingsbury

"I do not know if the birth records of the Second Presbyterian Church are extant; if they are would you be so kind as to look up the year of my birth? The record we have is not clear; it is either 1868 or 1869. I have always supposed it to be October 19, 1868, but a list of the family births discovered among some papers of my father gives it 1869 in his writing. I was baptized at the same time as Ellen Scranton Henry daughter of Mr. Eugene Henry.

"It seems that my mother wanted to name me for my father, Henry Augustus Kingsbury, but as my cousin bore the name of Henry he said there were plenty of Henrys, so for some weeks I went without a name, when Mrs. Selden Scranton asked my mother if I had been named; upon being answered in the negative, she said she would give me the names of Mr. Scranton and herself, Selden Henry - she was Ellen Henry - and my parents agreed....

"The Bulletin is most interesting and I enjoy reading it."

The Editor was able to assure Mr. Kingsbury that he was correct about the date of his birth, and that he was baptized on May 9th, 1869, at the same time as Ellen Scranton - (the record has it Ellen Clarissa) - Henry. Mr. Cline was then Pastor, and the record was made by him.

If he had not been Christened at that time he would now be unable to prove the date of his birth, for when children are baptized, the date of birth is always recorded.

Callers at the Manse the past week were Mr. Weston and Sister, Mildred, and Mr. Kline, a friend and neighbor of Mr. Weston. Mr. Kline is a very pleasant gentleman, and it was his first visit to Oxford. He was, writes Mr. Weston, deeply impressed by the beautiful scenery around Oxford.

It was a fortunate time to visit here as the autumnal foliage is at its best. In fact we have not in our residence here of 18 years, ever seen it so "gorgeous" to use Mr. Weston's expression. The beauties of flower gardens, the paintings of masters are nothing in comparison.



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