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Then said Jesus unto the twelve,  
Will ye also go away?

Then Simon Peter answered him, to  
whom shall we go? thou hast the word  
of eternal life. And we believe, and  
are sure that thou art that Christ,  
the Son of the living God.

---- John 6: 67-69

"O God of love, who hast given a  
new commandment through Thine only-  
begotten Son, that we should love  
one another, even as Thou didst love  
us, the unworthy and the wandering,  
and gavest Thy beloved Son for our  
life and salvation; we pray Thee,  
Lord, give us Thy servants, in all  
time of our life on earth, a mind  
forgetful of past ill-will, a pure  
conscience and sincere thoughts, and  
a heart to love our brethren; for  
the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(Book of Common Worship)

Miss Gertrude Lukens, Obit.

Miss Gertrude Lukens passed to  
her heavenly reward on Nov. 1st, in  
Philadelphia where she has resided  
for many years. Her mortal remains  
were cremated according to her own  
directions.

Miss Lukens was born in Oxford on  
March 24th, 1882, and was received in-  
to the Church on March 4th, 1892, ere  
she had reached her 10th year of age

But this was ever the dominant  
trait of her life, her deep Christian  
piety. Her health was always frail  
and, as she wrote us recently, she  
never was free of pain. But through  
all she found comfort and refuge in  
religious devotion.

In 1910 she was sent by our Mission  
Board to Brazil to teach in the city  
of Curityba, at the Escola Americana  
(American School) which she deemed a  
"great privilege and joy. Beside my  
teaching" she wrote, "I had many  
other duties connected with the sch-  
school and also the Presbyterian  
Church in Curityba. The school at  
that time had about 400 pupils -  
boys and girls - and a boarding  
school for girls." But ill-health  
forced her to resign in two years.

She was well educated and highly  
cultured - a beautiful soul.

Bulletin items;-

Mr. Weston writes: "I have received a letter from Alice Person, Williamsburg, Virginia, in which she says:

'In looking over some papers I came across a copy of a Church Bulletin, evidently sent to us by my great aunt Fannie Person, and it is a very interesting account of aunt Fannie written by you. I wonder if you have more information regarding the Person and De Witt families than is given in this paper.'

"The article she refers to was in Bulletin 398, Feb. 13, 1938. I wrote her I could give no further information but that Dr. George Cummings, Belvidere, N.J. had some of Miss Person's papers and if she wrote to him he might be willing to send them to her. The point is - how the Bulletin does get around."

Miss Amelia Zapp writes to have her bulletins sent to her new address at 312 Mt. Prospect Ave. Newark, and adds, "I do enjoy the companionship of the little publications."

Last summer the Editor rather dreaded the fall season for the Bulletin, perhaps with sufficient reason. As a rule it is a lull period for our contributors, following the vacation relaxation, and we have usually had to dig up material from various sources. But this past three months, in addition to this, there were the distractions of the war and most of all the national election campaign. Yet as it turned out our fears were groundless, for contributions were more plentiful than ever before for this slack period.

For this happy circumstance we have to thank Mr. Humphrey, chiefly, for articles always interesting and edifying. For many months his health has not been good enough to keep him at his regular business, and perhaps this affliction of his has worked for our benefit.

But now the election is over and no distraction apart from the war, which has become somewhat stale, we confidently look for an influx of reminiscences of old Oxford days.

Cheerful - Givers - Concert  
at the chapel of the  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Oxford, New Jersey,  
Saturday Evening, May 2nd. 1885  
at 8 o'clock

Such is the heading of a program sent by Mrs. Henry Zulauf. It has been preserved for 55 years by the Stout family. There were 16 numbers, three by the Chorus and four by Orchestra. We copy the numbers with proper names.

Trio----Evangeline, Eugenie, Maggie  
"We are sailing"--Mary Cutzler, Rose  
(White, Kate Ward, May Weston;  
"Feed My Lambs."-- Annie Wilkinson,  
(Rosalie Carson, Jenny Perry, Ellie  
(Lukens, Mandy Perkins, Kate Warner,  
(Sadie Ward, Lizzie Edwards, Lizzie  
(Gray, Letty Harling, Rosalie Jay.

Piano and Violin--Milly Weston and  
(Clinton Weston  
Solo---- Frank Perkins.

Trio ---"Spring Awakening"--Kate Ward  
(Lizzie Ward and Maggie Lukens.  
Quartette, "Greeting to Spring"  
(J. H. Soranton, S. C. Searing, B. Walton,  
( E. C. Perkins.

Duette,--Milly and Clinton Weston

Double quartette --Kate Ward, Lizzie  
(Ward, May Weston, Maggie Lukens,  
(Annie Lukens, Kate Wilkinson,  
(Rose White, Mary Cutzler.

The Members of the Orchestra were  
Clinton Weston, Leader, 1st Violin  
James Thomas --- 2nd "  
Edward White --- Cornet  
Fred Ward --- Flute  
Daniel Thomas --- Violincello

The Ushers were George W. S. Henry,  
Joseph A. Henry, George S. Deartorn,  
Sidney Edwards, Harry Perkins.

The Officers of the Cheerful  
Givers' Society were;-  
May Weston---President  
James H. Cline ) Vice- Presidents  
George S. Henry )  
Milly Weston --- Secretary  
Lizzie Ward --- Treasurer

The Cheerful Givers' was a very active and popular society in the 1880s, and their funds were given to the benevolent Boards. We must keep in mind that the persons named above were mostly in their teens.

Annual Report of Hillside Cemetery  
Association, by the Secretary,  
Mrs. Bessie Henderson.  
October 13th, 1940

Your Secretary is pleased to report that the ending of the third fiscal year of the Association finds a steady growth in its affairs which I believe everyone will agree, reflects immeasurable credit to the activity of the Officers and Trustees in so freely giving of their time and energy, together with the co-operation of members and friends of the Association. With each passing year bringing additional interest, and while we all realize that time is an important factor in establishing such a project on a firm and sound basis, it can be truly said, as the work of the Association becomes more widely known, that it is gaining the attention of many plot owners now in distant sections of the country and convincing them that at last the cemetery has reached a stage of permanency.

We feel grateful to the many who have become interested in continually keeping the cemetery in floral decorations, and in particular the large Canna beds - the bulbs being loaned for the second year by Mr. Alonzo Bryan, of Washington - and which have bloomed splendidly.

During the past year we have held ten meetings, all of which have been well attended. Public affairs were given to raise funds on October 14th, November 18th, and December 16th, 1939, and also a Merchandise Club was run successfully. Another Club is now under way, with additional plans.

During the year we had 42 seasonal cares, not counting many who cared for their own lots; and one new perpetual care, the latter now totaling eleven, and further inquiries coming in. Four deeds have been issued.

The cistern has been started and will be ready for use next summer.

This is a decided improvement, and we feel will be greatly appreciated.

While many of us have done a goodly share of work for the cemetery, a word of praise should be given to Sup't Lewis Bergenback for the efficient way he has handled an important part of the Association's endeavors.



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