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In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

--Matthew 3:1-3

"Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen  
(Episcopal Prayer Book)

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Mr. James Thomas has just been taken home from a Trenton hospital where he had been very seriously ill. He is still under the Doctor's constant care, though not suffering as he did when first taken ill.

The Bulletin can assure him of the prayerful sympathies of his old Oxford friends who read this report.

Mr. Joseph H. Scranton, according to reports which have reached us, has been very poorly, and we understand that his son has taken him to a hospital in Newark. But we have no definite report of his condition, and can only hope he may be getting better than the news we hear of him suggest.

We haven't Mr. Scranton's address but Mr. Thomas' address is:-

25 Clement Ave. Hillwood Lake,  
Trenton, N J

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Next Saturday Dec. 14th, there will be a sale of the extra fine home made candy left over from the Fair, at Mr. Rush's Store. The proceeds will go to the Ladies Aid Society.

The price will be reduced.



## Tribute to Mr. Humphrey

By Clinton E. Weston

It is with the deepest regret we lose one of our most ardent and enthusiastic members, in the passing of George Scranton Humphrey. Living in Oxford from 1875 to 1885 during which time he formed many close and lasting friendships. He took great interest and played a prominent part in Church and social activities which brought to him a period in his life that always remained a cherished experience. His articles in the Bulletin, (which, including the number of times he was quoted, numbered 176) were always interesting. His old Oxford Legends - for which he had a natural gift - with the settings in and around Oxford, were enjoyed immensely by Bulletin readers.

It was the writer's privilege to enjoy a close relationship with Mr. Humphrey in the past ten years, and it was at one of the many luncheons we had together that the short biographical sketch which appeared in No. 310, April 26, 1936, was written.

More than once he expressed a desire to retire and devote most of his time to writing a history of Oxford, and also of his home town of Ithaca, N.Y. This is a great loss to us now that he has heeded the final summons to enter the Home Eternal and enjoy blessed peace and rest.

We revere his memory.

### Mr. Humphrey's Funeral

The service was in the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Staten Island.

The Pastor is Rev. Mebane Ramsay.

Mrs. Hadley, in a letter to the Editor, gives a brief account of this last rite to her father.

"The service at Staten Island was very impressive and uplifting.

There were quantities of flowers from many individuals and also organizations to which father belonged.

The church was well filled with people of all ages and walks in life.

Many of them we had not seen for years, but there was the imperishable companionship of joy and sorrow, and faith that brings the strongest ties of friendship. And as we

stood talking together, and then sat in our pews, we all felt the unarguable power of the Spirit of God in our lives.

Mr. Ramsay had prepared a most beautiful service, using Bible passages and thoughts which had been parts of conversations with Father; his prayer was inspiring in its uplift, and the whole time together was a celebration of joyous triumph. As the organist played softly the old familiar hymns of comfort and praise and power, a renewed sense of eternal values that can never die, came into our hearts.

(Mrs. Hadley made arrangements for sending copies of the last issue of the Bulletin to a number of her friends and relatives. Likewise copies of this issue will be mailed to the same persons. Ed.)

Mrs. Minnie Badrow Hahn, a talented Oxford authoress, in a card, says, "Please include my deepest sympathy with that of Mr. Humphrey's many friends. His passing leaves a big gap in the grand group interested in Oxford and its folk. We shall all miss his very interesting Bulletin contributions, and his presence at the Reunions."

It may be well here to reprint the first note Mr. Humphrey ever sent to the Editor. It was in the last week of January 1931. We were then complete strangers. He wrote:-

"I joined the Church in Oxford, on profession, in 1875, and was active for ten years, when my wife (formerly Carrie Scranton, now deceased) and I took our letters. Very few of those whom I knew are still in the church, among them Abram Pittenger and Miss Ida Smith. Among the officers are familiar names, but they are the sons and daughters of those whom I knew."

Mr. Humphrey was then living in Upper Montclair, N.J. at 139 Summit Ave. The note will be better understood if we state that some one had sent Mr. Humphrey a copy of the Bulletin for January 25th, in which the Editor launched (unknowingly) the history of the Church and Oxford. That issue had a two page write up

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of the history of our Church, its organization in 1863, and the erection of the building in 1865. It also carried a list of the original Charter members, and other items then available to us. He found the list of the officers at that time in the Bulletin cover. As soon as he saw this copy he wrote the above note enclosing stamps for a year's subscription. Little did the Editor at that time realize what Mr. Humphrey was in after years to mean to us and the Bulletin and the Reunions.

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Miss Grace Scranton has a good word to report about the Bulletin and Oxford history. She writes:-

"You don't know the great pleasure I receive from reading the Bulletin.

Yesterday I was talking to a friend who belongs to a family of educators, and I always enjoy their parties, at which they get together interesting people. You are always supposed to bring personal experiences of your own or family histories. My friend said, 'I think it important that pioneer or constructive work should be recorded.' And then she added 'I think you should give more to that Oxford history, for that Scranton, Pa. celebration was a big glorification where it didn't belong.' So maybe I shall copy some more things about grandfather and send them to you."

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Mrs. Jane McNear Gleichmann also has a good word for our paper:-

"The Bulletin is my cherished hope every week, and I would miss it greatly."

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We acknowledge receipt of \$2.00 each from Miss Grace Scranton; Mrs. J. Gleichmann and James Kearney; and \$1.00 from Mrs. Courtright.

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Mr. Abram Pittenger will leave next week to spend the winter with his daughter Mrs. Jennie Hauller, at 469 North Grove street, East Orange, N. J.

Mr. Pittenger is enjoying good health, though nearing his 90th year.



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