

During the Civil War he joined the United State Sanitary Commission and went with Sherman on the march to Atlanta but did not continue to the sea. He was Metuchen's closest link to the Grand Army of the Republic although not a member. The battle of Kennesaw Mountain stood out in his memory as so many men were stricken by fever. He wrote letters for them and extended all the aid and comfort possible.

#### Widely Traveled

For six months he traveled in Europe and the Orient. He received calls to Sedalia, Missouri; Lafayette Square, Baltimore; and Metuchen, choosing the latter and becoming pastor of the Metuchen Presbyterian Church in January, 1877 and continuing in that capacity for 48 years when he was made pastor emeritus. When he came to Metuchen it was a part of Raritan Township, the borough not being incorporated until 1900. The church had a membership of 150 living within a radius of three miles. Church attendance was large and the wagon sheds, now torn down, were filled with carriages each Sunday morning. During his pastorate he saw the membership more than doubled. He officiated at many funerals, weddings and baptisms.

He was instrumental in obtaining a gift of \$1,000 from the Carnegie Fund toward a pipe organ and with the assistance of the late Trumbull

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Marshall secured the balance of \$2,000 in subscriptions. This enabled the church to keep intact funds received from the sale of a strip of land to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company although the congregation had voted to pay for the organ from that fund.

#### Visited in India

A number of years ago Dr. Mason made the long journey to India alone to visit his daughter, a trip which the late Dr. Clarence A. Hofer called foolhardy, saying he would not return alive. He remained in India more than a year and for several months taught in one of the schools. About seven years ago Dr. Mason underwent a serious operation in Muhlenberg Hospital from which he made a remarkable recovery.

Dr. Mason took an active part in the organization of literary societies and reading clubs which developed into what is now the Public Library.

It was in his mind to write a detailed history of the Metuchen Presbyterian church for the archives of the Historical Society but it is not known whether or not he undertook the work.

#### Funeral Monday

The funeral services will be held Monday at 3 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church, where the body will lie in state from noon until the services begin.

The Rev. Rowland Bahnson of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, moderator of the Elizabeth Presbytery, will be in charge of the services, assisted by other members of the clergy of the Presbytery.

The Rev. W. L. Ewing of Rahway, superintendent of New Jersey Missions, will read the Scripture, and the Rev. L. G. Bennett of Basking Ridge will offer the prayer.

The necrology will be given by the Rev. William R. Sloan of Cranford, and the Rev. George A. Humphries, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, will deliver a short eulogy.

The funeral address will be given by the Rev. Dr. Cordie J. Culp, pastor of the New Brunswick Presbyterian Church, whose topic will be "The Christian Message."

Interment will be in the Presbyterian Church yard. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker A. K. Hillpot.