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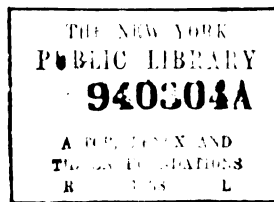
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REV. SAMUEL A. MUTCHMORE.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER MUTCHMORE, D.D., was born in Ohio. He is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors, who emigrated to America at an early date and took active part in the development of the American colonies. Settling in the Cumberland Valley, his forefathers became engaged in the contests with the Indians of that region, some of them giving their lives in the defence of their homes and firesides. Others of them took part in the Revolutionary War, and served with distinction in that vital conflict of the American people. Among his ancestors also were some who became eminent as ecclesiastics, worthy progenitors in the profession which he was to adopt.

Mr. Mutchmore was educated in the University of Ohio, and afterwards at Centre College, Kentucky, under the presidency of the eminent Dr. John C. Young, from which he graduated in 1854. He had selected the law as his profession, and now entered upon a diligent course of study with that object in view. His mother, however, a devout Christian, earnestly desired that he should enter the ministry, and by her prayers and arguments prevailed upon him to give up his original purpose and take up a course of theological study. This was pursued in Danville Theological Seminary, Kentucky, under Drs. Robert J. Breckenridge, E. P. Humphrey, Stuart Robinson, and others. After graduating from this institution, in 1858, he entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church as Home Missionary at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and its vicinity.

The first pastoral charge of the young divine was over a church in Columbia, Missouri. Thence he removed to Fulton, in the same State, the seat of Westminster College, his pastorate in this place being distinguished by such enthusiastic earnestness that several remarkable revivals took place during his stay. During the war his Union spirit was pronounced, and he served the government as member of a committee of safety appointed by General Halleck, the county being under martial law.

Mr. Mutchmore's residence in Philadelphia began in 1866, in which year he left the pastorate which he then held in Carondelet Church, St. Louis, in response to a call to Cohocksink Church, then located at Fifth Street and Germantown Road, Philadelphia. Here he spent seven years of active, earnest, and successful labors, building a new church at Columbia Avenue and Franklin Street during this period, and gathering a congregation of seven hundred and thirty members. At the end of his seven years' service at Cohocksink, he was called to the charge of the Alexander Church, now known as the West Green Street Church, at the corner of Nineteenth and Green Streets. His pastorate here continued for nine years, at the end of which time he took charge of the



Memorial Presbyterian Church, at Eighteenth Street and Montgomery Avenue, in whose pastorate he still remains.

Dr. Mutchmore received his title of D.D. from Lafayette College in 1870. As a preacher, he is original, forceful, and impressive, taking deep and philosophical views of his subject, and presenting his thoughts with a sincerity of conviction and intense earnestness of utterance which give them controlling power over his hearers. He is warmly devoted to his ministerial duties, and has had marked success, also, in advancing the interests of the church, particularly in the rôle of a builder of churches and remover of encumbrances. The Carondelet Avenue Church, of St. Louis, and the Cohocksink and the Memorial Churches, of Philadelphia, were all built by his efforts, and dedicated free of debt. The last-named church, of which he is now pastor, is particularly noticeable in this connection, it being the outcome of a legacy of four dollars and forty-one cents left for that purpose by a little girl. He also paid off a heavy debt on the Alexander Church during his pastorate, and has recently established a chapel at Nineteenth and York Streets, from which will probably grow a church in the near future.

He is actively identified with all affairs affecting the welfare of the Presbyterian Church at large, and to his pastoral duties has added important literary ones, having been since 1873 proprietor and editor of *The Presbyterian*, which contains every week articles from his pen. In addition, he is the author of several works, including "Mites against Millions," "The Visit of Japheth to Shem and Ham," "The Mogul, the Mongol, the Mikado, and the Missionary," and a volume of sermons entitled "Spiritual Volapük."