

PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE RUINS OF ROOF OF Y. M. C. A. BUILDING



FIRE DESTROYS Y. M. C. A. HOME

Loss of \$200,000, With Total
Insurance of \$145,300.

Only Bare Walls of the Boylston-St
Building Are Left Standing.

The Y. M. C. A. building, at the corner of Boylston and Berkeley sts. together with the provision store of George Ellis and the offices of the Adams and American express companies, located on the ground floor, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Only the smoke-stained walls remain, and these are guarded at a wide distance by safety ropes, indicating that precautions are being taken against the danger of their falling.

The loss is estimated at \$200,000, though there were many things consumed upon which no value was put and yet cannot be replaced. The insurance is \$145,300, and this amount is said to represent the assessed value. The safe, which contains the important records of the association, was found in-

fact, much to the gratification of officers and members.

One fireman, Joseph Woods of engine 6 company, fell from a ladder and was severely injured.

The cause of the blaze is unknown. It is understood that no one attributes it to the electric wiring or the dynamo or boiler plant in the building. There were no live wires, as the association operates its own plant, and all current was shut off the night before, as is customary. One theory is, however, that the pressure under the gymnasium became overheated, and this many accept.

The association has temporary quar-

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ters at 431 Boylston st. The Y. M. C. U. at 48 Boylston st has generously offered the use of any of its rooms, and this has been accepted in part.

The proprietors of the provision store would give no estimate of their loss, while the men in the express companies said that "a few hundred dollars" would probably cover the damage, as there was no money in the office and very little express matter on hand.

In the next building to the Y. M. C. A. on the Boylston-st side is the Foster company, dealers in rugs and draperies, which puts its lost at \$10,000. The three floors above are occupied by the Craftsman, whose damage is set at \$5,000.

Watchman Discovers Blaze.

The blaze was discovered about 5.15. John Sullivan, a private watchman, who has charge of a number of private buildings in the vicinity, saw smoke issuing through the windows on the southeast corner of the rear of the building and ran to give the alarm.

Peter Johnson, the watchman of the

parishes.

About 8 o'clock the hydrant in the center of Boylston st, corner of Berkeley st, to which engines 10, 26, 4 and 7 were attached, blew up and sent a geyser of icy water into the air. Engine 10 got the brunt of the stream at first and had to shut down. Twenty firemen dashed into the water. The suction pipe was uncoupled and engine 10 was dragged away by hand and coupled to another hydrant, where it continued working.

To remove the three other engines horses were brought up. One horse slipped and fell, and there was considerable commotion until he was gotten on his feet. The apparatus was removed, but the water continued to shoot into the air for some time afterward.

A report that Leonard Parker, colored, an assistant janitor, had been sleeping in the building at the time of the fire, and had perished in the flames, gained circulation and caused much excitement until Parker, who had passed the night at his home, showed up in the crowd.

Subway Traffic Blocked.

Fire apparatus blocked the approach to the subway, and all cars that ordinarily go by that route, coming east by way of Boylston st and Huntington av, were diverted at Dartmouth st, sent through that street to Columbus av, thence by way of Berkeley st and Tremont st to and through the Pleasant-st entrance of the subway.

The contents of the building included much original data, paintings and objects of historical value. These num-



THE WATER TOWER PLAYING ON THE ROOF OF THE BOYLSTON-ST FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

bered among other things a beautiful tablet near the entrance, which was presented to the Y. M. C. A. by the London Y. M. C. A. at the time of the 50th anniversary of the Boston association, original manuscripts of New England poets, photograph of a painting by Sir George Williams, presented by his son; eight-foot square oil paintings of a Swiss scene and Marshall Johnson's noted picture of the escape of the Constitution.

The library suffered the worst loss, as it contained 7000 volumes, including valuable law books and the chemical and physical laboratory. The association had long outgrown the building, which was erected nearly 30 years ago to accommodate a membership of 2000, now grown to about 8000.

The structure was in the Scotch baronial style of architecture, with the main entrance on Boylston, up a flight of brown stone steps, 22 feet in width. The first story was built of brown stone and the remainder was of pressed brick with brown stone trimmings.

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Fought Fire From Convent.

From every vantage point the firemen fought, but in spite of all their efforts the blaze inside continued to gain on them. As a last resort, they took the lines of hose into the Berkeley-st academy of the Sisters of Notre Dame, on the other side of Providence st.

Meanwhile great crowds were gathering, among the most interested spectators being Lieut Gov Louis A. Frothingham. Electric car traffic was tied up to some extent.

The injuries received by hoseman Woods were due to the nozzle of the hose getting away from him. He, with hoseman P. Mulo of the same company, was at work on a 35-foot ladder when the accident happened. Woods was hurled to the sidewalk and sustained a broken leg and three fractured ribs. He was removed to the City hospital. Mulo was not hurt.

While the sisters at the Notre Dame academy had been told that they might have to be warned at any time to leave their building, they were calm and went about making coffee for the firemen, and at the usual hour left the convent

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List of the Insurance.

Here is a list of the insurance, valued by Fields & Cowles, 85 Water st.

ON BUILDING	
Pennsylvania, Penn	\$17,817
Queen, New York	13,825
North British, Scotland	15,200
Firemen's, New Jersey	7,350
Home, New York	4,600
Royal, England	17,800
Sun, England	9,200
Continental, New York	9,200
Niagara, New York	4,600
Fire Association, Pennsylvania	4,700
Liverpool and London and Globe, Eng.	4,000
Insurance Company of North America, Penn	10,000
Phenix, New York	9,200
National, Conn	4,000
Total	\$182,192
ON CONTENTS	
Pennsylvania, Penn	\$8,189
Queen, New York	1,176
North British, Scotland	400
Firemen's, New Jersey	650
Home, New York	400
Royal, England	900
Sun, England	800
Continental, New York	800
Niagara, New York	400
Fire Association, Philadelphia	300
Liverpool, London and Globe, England	400
Insurance Company, of North America, Penn	800
National, Conn	400
North British, New York	2,600
Total	\$19,108