

Mibernia Fire Engine Company.

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HAVE CARRED THIS VOLUME TO BE RESURD IN REMEMBERIAGE OF THEIR VISIT TO THE CITIES OF

Mew Mork, Boston, Brooklyn, Charlestown and Dewark,

IN NOVEMBER, 1858,

AND TO COMMEMORATE THE HONORS AND HOSPITALITIES EXTENDED TO THEM BY THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, FIREMEN AND CITIZENS OF THOSE PLACES,

AND BY

THEIR BROTHER FIREMEN.

ON THEIR RETURN TO THE

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

TO RATH AND ALL OF WHOM IT IS DEDICATED AS A

Memorial of Gratitude.

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RECEPTION AT CHARLESTOWN.

The Hibernia Fire Engine Company of Philadelphia was received at the draw of Charles river bridge (which forms the dividing line between the cities of Boston and Charlestown), by a committee of Washington Engine Company, No. 5, of Charlestown, consisting of Benjamin Brintmall, M. F. Webster, B. S. Drew, B. F. Gardeser, M. P. Smith, T. J. Whittemere, J. L. Perry, under the marshalship of the foreman, Mr. Albert Chardler.

After marching through some of the principal streets, by invitation of Hoo. G. Washington Warren, President of Banker Hill Monument Association, they were excerted to Banker Hill, and inspected the monument; the remains of the breast-work thrown up by Americans on the night provious to the battle; the spot where Warren fell on the ever memorable June 17, 1775, and also the statue of Warren creeted to his memory. From thence the guests marched through some of the principal streets, passing the house of Washington Engine Company, on Harvard street, from which was extended numerous flags, bearing the inscription "Welcome Hibernia, Welcome." They then marched to Harvard Hall, where tables were sprend for two hundred persons.

The repast being concluded, Mr. Chanari, foreman of Washington Engine, welcomed the Philadelphians to Charlestown, which was responded to by Col. Jaura Page, President of the Hibernia. His Honor James Dana, Mayor of Charlestown, was next introduced, and extended the freedom of the city to the Philadelphia firemen so long as they would remain. He spoke highly of the organization of the Philadelphia department, of the introduction of steam fire engines as a valuable auxiliary for the extinguishment of fires, and complimented the firemen of Philadelphia for their progressive spirit in introducing them. Col. Page responded in an eloquent speech.

Chas. Fixes, Esq., Councilman of the First Ward, and also a member of the Washington Engine Company, was next introduced, and presented to the Hilbernia Company in behalf of the Washington Engine Company, a beautiful engraving of "The Father of our Country," hundsomely framed. To this Col. Page also replied in a very eloquent and patriotic speech.

The time of the Hibernia being very limited, they were obliged to retire, and were escorted from the hall to the draw of the bridge, by the members of Washington Engine Company, No. 5, who were well pleased with the acquaintance formed with so gentlemanly a body of men as composed the Hibernia Fire Engine Company, No. 1, of Philadelphia.





George Stimeson, Ja., Esq., a member of No. 5, a very patriotic gentleman, extended the hospitalities of his mansion, abounding in beautiful specimens of art, to the officers of both companies, who were much gratified with their visit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR:-

CHARLESTOWN, Dec. 1st, 1858.

We have sent you this day, per Adams' Express, the picture of "Washington," which we had the pleasure of presenting to you and your command on the 25th November last.

I am, sir,

Respectfully your obed't servant,

BARTLETT S. DREW.

Secty W. E. Co.

Col. JANES PAGE.

Provident Hibernia Fire Co.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3d, '59.

DEAR SOC-

The box, containing the picture of Washington presented by your company to the Hibernia Fire Engine Company, No. 1, on its recent visit to Boston and Charlestown, is received.

We shall ever cherish this testimony of the kind feelings of your organization; hang up the picture in some prominent place in the room where we assemble, and as we gaze upon it full of the patriotic emotions it is calculated to inspire in the heart of every true American, remember the unbounded hospitality which induced its presentation, and strive on all occasions, to imitate, if we cannot equal, the noble spirit of your comrades.

I pray you to present to the company, in whose behalf you write, my grateful acknowledgments, and assure them that their cordial and gentlemmly reception will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to fall under its inspiring influence.

Very respectfully,

Your old serv't.

J. PAGE, Chief Marshol, and President Hibernia Fire Co.

Sec. W. E. Co.

"It want the scholag and potent the weak,"



RETURN TO BOSTON.

The refreshments so seasonably and liberally provided after the long route, on entering Boston, by Tremont Engine, No. 12—the splendid and luxurious banquet by the same company at the Sturtevant House, East Boston, graced by his Honor Mayor Lincoln, where wit, eloquence and wine were happily mingled, and the magnificent ball given by them in honor of the Hibernias—beauty lending enchantment to the scene—are prominent among the features of the excursion.

Washington Engine Company, No. 5, of Charlestown, and Deluge Hose, No. 6, of East Boston, were also marked in their attention, and their acceptable offerings are well remembered and gratefully appreciated.

In truth, Baston and its vicinity absunding in objects of historic and revolutionary interest, were made doubly attractive to the Hibernias by the warm and coulin greeting which met them on every hand from all classes of people. Imperative engagements at other points, compelled them to leave that city sooner than they wished. With feelings of sincere negret, and a gratitude of no ordinary character, the visiters hade aften to their friends, and turned their faces homeword.

RETURNING HOME.

The company left Boston on Friday morning, in the S o'clock train. At Hartford, on the stopping of the train, a committee from the Ætna Fire Company of that city, waited upon the Chief Marshal, and presented through him to the Hibernia Fire Company, a piece of the celebrated Charter Oak, which is highly valued, and now constitutes a part of the museum of the latter company.

THE CHARTER OAK.

James II. succeeded Charles II. in 1685, and upon coming into power, resolved to carry
out a pet scheme of entirely subjugating the New England Colonies. Massachusetts had
been deprived of her charter, Rhode Island and Connecticut remained—he issued three
writs of quo warranto upon the latter. The Assembly, after un anxious discussion, returned
for answer that they desired to be attached to Massachusetts; this James took for a virtual
submission, and did not push the write, and hence the charter was eventually preserved.







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WILLIAMSBURG, N. Y.

ZEPHYR HOSE COMPANY, No. 4.

Instituted July 28, 1853.

Located No. 114 South Third, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

OFFICERS.

F. H. BROWNING, FOREMAN, FRANCES SMITH, Secretary, C. W. Hays, Assistant Foreman, T. W. Lawis, Tressurer.

BOSTON.

TREMONT FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 12.

The old organization dates beyond June, 1790. At that time, Capt. Jonathan Lovering was Foreman, and the engine was stationed where the liberty tree stood in 1775. This tree was cut down by the English troops because of its name. In addition to the civility already noticed on the part of this company, they gave the Hibernias a grand dinner at the Sturtevant House, East Boston, of which, the following account is taken from the Firemen's Advocate:—

The line formed and marched to the Sturtevant House, where dinner had been provided. At the tables we noticed his Honor Mayor Lincoln, Ex-Alderman Drew, Col. French, Francis Richards, Noah Sturtevant, Engineer Damrell, and others. "Mine host," Tafts, had provided a most excellent dinner, which was well appreciated. It was alike creditable to the host and the Tremonts, and they may well be proud of it. The large dining hall was well filled, and everything looked like contentment throughout. After the inner man had been provided for, the intellectual feast was opened by Capt. Robbins, who, after a brief speech, gave the first regular toast:—

The True Fireman—His history is before the world; we are proud to have with us one of its brightest Pages!





Col. Paux responded in an elequent and complimentary manner; he spoke of the uses of the Steamer, and alloded to Charlestown, Bunker Hill, Funcuil Hall, and the surroundings, of the firemen; and said that they could be no otherwise than patriotic.

Second regular toast-

His Honor the Mayor.-A true man; the friend of the true man, especially of true firemen everywhere.

His Honor Mayor Lexcotn, responded in a patriotic manner, and alluded to the dangers of the firemen.

Third regular must-

Our Guests—Thrice welcome in their intercourse with us; may they find us gentlemen us well as firemen.

Mr. Correax, of the Hibernia, spoke in an eloquent manner, and alluded to the intreduction of steam engines into Philadelphia.

Fourth regular toast-

The Cities of Philadelphia and Boston-One had a Penn, the other her Franklin: may their descendants emulate their virtues.

Responded to by Col. Furnicit, who spoke of the reception of the City Guard in Philadelphia, in 1831, and publ a fitting tribute to the military of both cities, and gave a sentiment:—

Firemen and Soldiers.—Their interests are identical, their friendship should be lasting.

Fifth regular tenst-

The Firemen of the Quaker City-They ignore slow coaches, and go by stemm.

Sixth regular toust-

Steam Fire Engines—Give them fair play, a free fight, and a fair field, and they will ask no quarters.

Ex-Alderman Duxw responded and defined his position,

Seventh regular toast-

The Trustees of the Hibernia Steam Fire Engine—They deserve the thanks of the friends of the Steam Fire Engine, for their antiring efforts to have a machine constructed which cannot fail.

Jours Thousant, of the Hiberniu, responded, and gave as a sentiment :-





A sentiment complimentary to the Chief was read, but as he was not present, a letter was read excusing himself for not being present.

A sentiment complimentary to the Assistant Engineer, was responded to by Capt. Jour.

Dankell. Citizens and friends were next toasted, to which Mr. Francia Englands responded. The Press was next toasted, and responded to by the editor of the Firemen's Advocate, who gave in conclusion—

The Firemen of the City of Brotherly Love, and the Firemen of the City of Notions— May each soon take a notion to continue to entertain brotherly love for each other.

A letter was read from Wm. Long, staring his inability to be present. A splendid bouquet of artificial flowers was presented to the Hibernias, by Capt. Rounss, in behalf of Miss L. Landay, 27 Hanover street, Boston, which was received by Col. Page in a brief but eloquent address.

After giving three times three cheers, the company retired to the American House to prepare for the ball, which was a grand affair, and held at the Union Hall. It broke up about day-light.

The Union Hall, the place selected for the ball, stands upon and covers the spot where the liberty tree stood. On the front of this building is a large free-stone block with the liberty tree cut in relief. The ball was a superb affair, the rooms being crowded with the youth and beauty of Boston. Banners and transparencies, interspersed with festoons of flowers, added to the general effect.

OFFICERS OF THE TREMONT.

OLIVER R. ROBENS, FOREMAN, LEVI W. SHAW, Secretary, John Hawkins, Assistant Foreman, Charles H. Prince, Steward.

EAST BOSTON.

DELUGE HOSE COMPANY, No. 6. Instituted January 1, 1852. Located on Paris street.

OFFICERS.

JOSEPH BARNES, Foreman,

WM. II. POOLE, Assistant Foreman,

WM. H. RYMILL, Clerk.







CHARLESTOWN, MASS.

WASHINGTON ENGINE COMPANY, No. 5. Instituted September 18, 1826.

OFFICERS.

BENJAMIN BRINTNALL, Foreman,

BARTLETT S. Durw, First Assistant, M. P. Seith, Secretary, ALPEND Morsz, Second Assistant, ELIAS CHUTS, Jr., Treasurer.

HARTFORD, CONN.

The Ætna Fire Company, and Damper Engine Company, No. 4, had deputations on the arrival of the Hibernias at this point, and hat fronts were presented by each of them.

NEWARK, N. J.

LAFAYETTE ENGINE COMPANY, No. 4. Instituted June 5, 1884. Located No. 19 Academy street. Motto—"Veni, vidi, vici."

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Acting Foreman, Albert Shith, Secretary,

Erra S. Axtell, Assistant Foreman. Thomas Stevenson, Steward,

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IRAAC B. RILBURN, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, JOHN H. BALL, WILLIAM W. SMITH, WILLIAM GODRES,

FRANCIS STERLING, JOHN NUGERT,

The Foreman of this company, Mr. Jacon Allen, was accidentally killed on the 28th of May, 1857, at a fire which occurred in the India Rubber Works, a high brick chimney falling upon him while conversing with Assistant Engineer Jones B. Thones, who was also severely hurt.

Mr. ALLEN was much respected and esteemed by all who knew him, and the company have sneased his hat and trumpet, which are preserved by them as a sad memento of the past.

