

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS'
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON AND THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1868-69.

MAY 1, 1868, TO APRIL 30, 1869.

(BOTH INCLUDED.)

NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

NEW HOSE HOUSE AND WARD ROOM, WARD 9, *Church Street, between Fayette and Melrose Streets.* — This is a structure of brick, having its Street Façade relieved by white granite doorway and window trimmings, together with corner piers and quoins of brick, and entablature of wood, sanded in imitation of stone, forming a very pleasing though inexpensive street front, which is surmounted by a well proportioned French roof. The structure measures 48 feet in width by 61 feet in depth, in its first story, and is of two finished stories in height, besides an unfinished cellar story. The first and second stories are arranged as follows: First story, Ward Room, occupying about one-half the area of the story, and measuring 60 feet by 25 feet; and hose carriage room of 34 feet by 20½ feet, with stable for two horses in rear, together with hose tower, water closet, wash room, hay room and two closets. The first story is of 12 feet clear height, and is most amply lighted from an enclosed yard in rear of the building, facing Knox Place, and accessible therefrom for supplies and other needful purposes.

The second story is arranged with parlor, kitchen, bedroom and store room (over the Ward Room), and with two bedrooms, bath room, sink room and staircase, and its hall over the hose house. The second story has a depth of 37½ feet only from

street front, and the hose tower is continued up (outside this story) to a total height of 44½ feet above first story floor level.

The marked improvement in the taste of the exteriors of the recently erected Hose and Engine Houses over most of their predecessors of former years is most gratifying, and reflects credit on all the Committees in charge, to whom the Architect is always indebted in great degree for the opportunity to plan and erect structures of taste, as well as convenience and adaptation for the purposes intended. Messrs. BRYANT & ROGERS were the Architects of the building thus briefly described. Contractors — Mason, EDWIN ADAMS; Carpenters, MORRISON & SHAW.