

ENGINE HOUSE No. 18.—This house, located on Harvard street, is of brick, two stories in height, with a pitched roof. It differs from the others in exterior appearance in having the bell tower placed in the centre of the front, the hose tower being located at the side about two-thirds of the distance down. The bell tower rises to a height of 61 feet, and the hose tower to a height of 56 feet. The dimensions of the building are 63 by 28 feet. The basement contains a furnace, hose tank, hose trough fifty feet long, a cistern holding about 5,000 gallons, and other conveniences. The basement walls are of Roxbury stone, laid in cement. The first floor is divided into an engine-room 44 by 26, and a stable 16 by 26, with three stalls. Space is taken for the hose tower, which is of ample size, being 6 feet square, interior dimensions, and for a closet and harness-room. The floor, ceiling and sheathing of the walls of the engine-room are of hard pine, the height being 12 feet in the clear. A cornice of black walnut is extended around the room at the intersection of the walls and ceiling. The upper story is finished at a height of 11 feet. The parlor measures 16 by 25 feet. It is adorned with a cornice and centre piece in plaster, and is lighted in the front with two spacious double windows of plate glass. Two sleeping-rooms, 10½ feet square each, and a bath room of the same size, containing bath-tub, basin and water-closet, are also on this floor. The hay loft, 25 by 16 in size, occupies the rear end. All the rooms but one are heated by furnace pipes, and are provided with closets for clothes, etc. The exterior front wall is of pressed brick, and the trimmings of the doors and windows are granite. The roof is slated and provided with copper gutters. Two wide double doors open upon the front, the spaces of the long upper panels being filled with plate glass. Plans by A. E. Richardson; contractor, F. M. Severance.