

ENGINE HOUSE No. 17. — This house, on Meeting House Hill, was enlarged and remodeled so as to furnish accommodations for men and horses. The size of the building on the ground plan is 55 by 39 feet. The basement, which is some 14 feet high, does not extend under the whole building, but is of size sufficient for a large cistern, a hose tank, cauldron, coal-bins, etc. Of the interior, on the first floor a space 27 by 15 feet is partitioned off for a stable. The remainder of the first floor is occupied for the engine and the hose carriage, except the space required by the hose tower, closet and stairway. The apartment finishes 12 feet in height, and is sheathed and ceiled with hard pine. Two capacious doors, 10 feet wide each, and lighted with plate glass of large size, open at the front. The second story is divided into a parlor 21 by 23 feet; two sleeping-rooms for firemen,  $20\frac{1}{2}$  by  $17\frac{1}{2}$ , and 18 by  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ; a bath room, 8 by 10 feet; hay loft, 19 by  $9\frac{1}{2}$ , and store room, 12 by 14, less the space occupied by the hose tower. The hose tower rises 50 feet from the ground floor, and the bell tower about the same height. The building is surmounted by a French roof. Glidden & Richardson, contractors.