

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS'

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON AND THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

1867-68.

MAY 1, 1867, TO APRIL 30, 1868.
(BOTH INCLUDED.)

CITY DOCUMENT, No. 68.

ENGINE HOUSE AND WARD ROOM, WARD 12.—Among the buildings erected for city purposes during the past year, not the least striking in appearance and convenience of plan, is the structure on corner of Dorchester and Fourth streets which is devoted to the uses of an Engine House and tenement for Firemen, a large Ward Room for Ward 12, two halls for various purposes, and two Primary School-rooms for the district in which the building is located. It measures on the plan about 52 feet by 76 feet, and comprises two stories and a French roof above ground, and a basement 7 feet clear height, partly above ground. It is divided in two parts lengthwise, from basement to top of second story, by a brick wall; the first story on Fourth Street side, is occupied by a Ward Room, with the exception of a space at rear end for staircases up and down; the main entrance to this room is from Dorchester Street; the room

measures about 25 feet by 65 feet, and 13 feet clear height. Directly over it is a hall of the same dimensions 12 feet high and a small room; and a small room, 8 feet by 10 feet, over stairs in the rear opens into it. The French roof contains a large assembly room, about 46 feet by 50 feet, 11 feet high, and two rooms of sufficient size to be used as Primary School-rooms, if the city so elects; a hose tower also occupies part of the space of this story, continuing up through the roof, upon which it opens by a door and windows. The first and second stories on the side of the building farthest from Fourth Street are used by the Fire Department for the accommodation of a Steam Fire-Engine, with stable in rear for four horses; and over this, with staircases connecting, a tenement for the engineer and firemen, of parlor, three bed-rooms, bath room, water closet and various other closets; one of these rooms is lighted by a skylight; back of these apartments and over the stable is a hay-loft. The exterior is built of brick with granite trimmings; above the French roof, on the centre of the Dorchester Street front, rises a small but handsome tower surmounted by a vane and the points of the compass, which add much to the fine appearance of the building; the face of the tower is recessed from the main corners of the building, and these are strongly marked by granite quoins in the first story; there is also a small projection on rear end facing Fourth Street, in which is a granite doorway and steps inside to the level of the first story; this is also strengthened by granite quoins, above which is a belt of the same material extending around the Fourth and Dorchester streets façades; the whole is surmounted by a handsome French roof, with well grouped luthern windows on the two corners at the Dorchester Street end. An elegant iron railing extends around the upper line of the roof on Fourth and Dorchester streets. This building was erected from designs by the architects, Messrs. G. J. F. BRYANT and L. P. ROGERS, by Messrs. MORTON & CHESLEY, contractors. Cost of land, \$7,350.30; building, \$31,368.36; total, \$38,718.66.