

CAPT M. V. B. KIMBALL,

Was Chief of Engine 32,
Bunker Hill District.

Sustained Three Accidents While in the
Fire Department.

Passed Away on the Evening of the
Day His Wife was Buried.

On the evening of the same day on which his wife was laid in her grave, Capt M. V. B. Kimball of engine 32, Bunker Hill st, Charlestown, died in the engine house, where he had served so long, surrounded by the men of his command.

Mrs Kimball, who was buried yesterday, contracted pneumonia while caring for her son during the past five weeks.

Capt Kimball tenderly cared for her until her death Sunday night, when he was stricken with the same disease, and was taken to his room in the engine house, where he died yesterday.

Capt Martin V. B. Kimball was born at Hill, N H, April 7, 1835.

When 9 years of age he came to this city. He began life as a teamster, to which he added the duties of a fireman, Sept 1, 1855, when he became a member of Barnicoat engine company No. 11.

In 1858 he was elected assistant foreman, which position he held until Dec 20 of the same year, when the company disbanded.

He then moved to Charlestown, and became a member of Washington engine company No. 5. He enlisted in Nim's battery, 2d Massachusetts, on July 31, 1861, and served until Aug 14, 1864.

After his return he was appointed a permanent member of the fire-department, Sept 23, 1873, as a driver of engine 23, which position he held until April 1, 1874, when he was promoted assistant foreman.

May 1 of the ensuing year he was promoted to the position of captain and assigned to engine company 6, where he remained until March 17, 1884, at which time he was transferred to engine 32.

Capt Kimball fell from a ladder at the Wareham st fire and struck on his head, which resulted in paralysis, laying him up three months. Oct 6, 1859, he was badly burned at the postoffice fire in his district.

At a fire on Fulton st he fell through a hatchway and broke his shoulder blade.

Capt Kimball was a member of Oriental lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F.; Columbia lodge, Masons; St Andrew's Royal Arch, Boston commandery Knights Templars; Lafayette lodge Perfection, Rose Croix; Mt Olive consistory, Giles F. Yates, Princes of Jerusalem; Council No. 4, Royal Arcanum; Boston and Charlestown veterans, and Barnicoat association.

Mr Kimball leaves a son who is a member of the protective department. The son is also ill with pneumonia. The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed.