

# FEARLESS BOSTON FIREMEN

## Who Take All Kinds of Chances

### A SERIES OF PERSONAL STORIES

#### DISTRICT CHIEF MICHAEL J. KENNEDY

"What I consider my most thrilling experience occurred on Thanksgiving Day, 1890. It was at the Paul Building fire, corner of Albany and Bristol sts. When we arrived at the fire the flames were shooting out on all sides.

"With several other firemen I entered the building and we worked our way up to the roof. After working there awhile we saw the roof was going to collapse and tried to make for safety.

"Being near the front wall I jumped for it and caught hold just as the roof collapsed, carrying several firemen down with it and burying them in the debris.

"I hung to the wall until they sent a ladder up and then came down and helped to rescue the other men who had been less fortunate than myself. This escape made an impression on me that I shall never forget."

Chief Kennedy joined the department in 1885, was promoted to lieutenant in



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1891, to captain in 1897, to district chief in 1906.