

HAD MEDAL FOR BRAVERY.

Death of Dennis McGee of Combination 5, Bunker Hill District—Kind Words from Commissioner Russell.

By the death of Dennis McGee of combination 5, Bunker Hill district, the Boston fire department has lost one of its most popular and bravest men. Mr McGee had been ill about four weeks, and died at the Massachusetts general hospital Wednesday night. He was taken ill on duty and was granted permission to go to his home, 34 Summer st. Two weeks later his condition became so critical that he was removed to the hospital. Col Russell, the chief executive of the department, said that the department needed just such men as McGee, whom he complimented for his sterling qualities and modesty. He said: "I am very sorry to announce the death of one of our very best men in the ranks, a man whom I recently placed on the roll of merit for a deed of bravery performed while on his vacation late last summer, he having jumped into the water with his clothes on and saved the life of a man who surely would have drowned had not the fireman been on the scene at the time."

The rescue was effected Wednesday, Aug 28, at Lake Sunapee. A man was in a canoe, about 250 yards from the landing when his canoe was upset, by the waves of a steamer. McGee, who was standing on the boat landing, jumped into the lake and swam to the rescue of the man, grabbing him as he was about to go to the bottom for the second time. The man had become unconscious and McGee swam with him to the landing, saving his life. The deed was brought to the attention of the commissioner by a court officer. The commissioner investigated and not only placed McGee's name upon the roll of merit, but also recommended him to the Massachusetts humane society for further recognition. About two months ago the commissioner gave McGee the medal from the society.

The commissioner said that McGee's prospects in the department were very bright, and that he had been recommended for promotion by his superior officers a number of times.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock at his home, 34 Summer st. Burial will be at Calvary. Combination 5 men will be relieved from all service to attend the funeral. District Chief Pope will have charge and make the necessary detail to act as pallbearers.

Chief Cheswell will detail one lieutenant and five men to take charge of the house and apparatus of combination 5, in the absence of the company. Sixteen permanent men will act as a funeral escort.