

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MAYOR AND OFFICERS
OF THE
CITY OF RALEIGH,
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1885.



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health of the City by the present system of sanitary investigations.

CEMETERIES.

The Committee on Cemeteries report both Cemeteries in good condition. Interments during the year have been as follows:

City Cemetery (white)	45
Mt. Hope Cemetery (colored).....	192
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Total number.....	237

Being an increase of 15 interments on last year's report.

LIGHTS.

The Light Committee report but little work done in their Department during the year. As the contract for lighting the City is held by the Raleigh Gas Light Company, the work of this Committee is very light. They report that the lamps have not been lighted with the regularity desired, and that the average number of unlighted lamps has been too large. They recommend that the especial protection of the lamps from injury be looked after by the Police Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

From the report of the Chief of this Department, we learn that only two fires of any consequence have occurred during the year, and they were outside of the City limits. The Department is well equipped and composed of able-bodied men, capable of active service, and the Chief commends the members of the Department for turning out promptly at every alarm, and the active duty performed when occasion has required.

COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

The Market Committee have had but little work before them during the present year. They report that Metropolitan Hall was painted and otherwise improved in appearance last Fall, just before the opening of the State Exposition. They report the needed repairs to the sidewalk around the Market Building already begun. They make several recommendations for improvements to the Market Building, which, if adopted and carried out, will add to the comfort of our tenants and be of great benefit to our citizens generally.

HOSPITALS.

I herewith transmit reports from Hospitals located in the City:

HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

The report of Dr. P. E. Hines, attending Physician of the Hospital of St. John's Guild, shows that twelve patients from the City of Raleigh and six from Raleigh Township have been treated in this Hospital during the year, besides other patients who have been admitted for treatment from other parts of the State. The twelve patients from the City were destitute and unable to pay for board or medicines. The Hospital furnished board and treatment, and the City furnished the medicines. This Hospital is not supported by the City, but by subscriptions from citizens—principally residents of the City—and is a great benefit to the destitute sick of our community.

The following is the report:

HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN'S GUILD,
RALEIGH, April 23d, 1885.

To His Honor, Mayor W. H. Dodd:

SIR:—In accordance with your request, I have the honor to report that there have been twelve destitute patients admitted into the hospital from this City,

ground for a cemetery for white persons. Grounds suitably located has been found and reported to the Board, but owing to the high price charged for it, nothing has been done as yet.

We recommend to the incoming Board that they give this matter their earnest consideration and as soon as practicable open a cemetery, whereby lots can be secured by our citizens at reasonable prices.

We close by commending the Sextons of both cemeteries for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Respectfully,

ALFRED UPCHURCH,
P. C. FLEMING,
J. B. MARTIN,
C. W. HOOVER,
J. H. JONES.

REPORT OF MARKET COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen :

GENTLEMEN:—The Market Committee beg leave to submit their annual report, as required by the Board.

During the past year your committee has had very little work on their hands, and have not asked for any expenditures by your Board further than those necessary for the cleanliness of the market.

Metropolitan Hall was repainted and otherwise very much improved in appearance last October by the Ford Opera Troupe, who leased the Hall during the Exposition month, which was done without any cost to the City.

The Board several months ago ordered the Street Committee to make some needed repairs on the walk ways around the market building; but up to this time the work has not been completed, though the Street Commissioner is having the stone prepared necessary to do the work. This work is very much needed and we hope it will be finished at an early date.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We hope your committee will be pardoned for making to the Board a few recommendations, which we think will be for the public good; most of these have been suggested heretofore:

1st. We recommend that the market be so enclosed that it can be heated and made comfortable in cold weather.

2d. We urgently recommend to the Board the necessity of removing the Guard House from its present location, and the erection of a suitable building for the Police Department.

3d. The fire apparatus stored in the eastern end of the Market House should be removed to other quarters and the market opened from street to street.

4th. That the floor in the Market House be repaired and such painting and whitewashing done as the Market Committee deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. EDWARDS,
W. N. JONES,
THOMAS HARRIS,
JAMES DOYLE,
J. R. RAY.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT,

TO THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS, APRIL 30, 1885.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

<i>1st Division</i> —CAPT. J. J. FRAY.	<i>3d Division</i> —J. B. NEATHERY.
<i>2d Division</i> —REV. H. M. TUPPER.	<i>4th Division</i> —MAJ. R. S. TUCKER.
<i>5th Division</i> —PULASKI COWPER.	

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Chief Engineer—T. W. BLAKE.
Assistant Chief Engineer—T. L. LOVE.
Assistant Chief Engineer and Secretary—H. H. ROBERTS.

COMPANY OFFICERS:

Rescue Steam Co.—W. R. DICKS, Foreman; WALTER SCOTT, Secretary.
Phoenix Chemical Co.—GEO. H. WILLIAMS, Foreman; A. H. HAYNES, Sec'y.
Hook and Ladder Co.—W. H. ELLIS, Foreman; GEO. W. TAYLOR, Secretary.
Victor (colored) Co.—JAS. H. JONES, Foreman; S. J. HAWKINS, Secretary.
Bucket and Ladder (col.) Co.—I. C. BELL, Foreman; C. H. HUNTER, Sec'y.
Driver Rescue Steamer—SYLVESTER PENNINGTON.
Driver Chemical Engine—SIDNEY SOLOMON.

HEADQUARTERS RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT,
Office of Fire Commissioners.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 30, 1885.

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Raleigh:

GENTLEMEN:—We herewith respectfully submit, for your consideration, the report of T. W. Blake, Chief Engineer Raleigh Fire Department, made to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

We would call your especial attention to the improvements made in the department and alluded to in detail in this report; also, we most heartily approve and recommend the suggestions which the Chief Engineer makes, to your earnest consideration.

Very respectfully yours, &c.,

R. S. TUCKER,
J. B. NEATHERY,
H. M. TUPPER,
PULASKI COWPER,
Fire Commissioners.

HEADQUARTERS RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT,
Office of Chief Engineer,
RALEIGH, N. C., April 30, 1885.

To the Board of Fire Commissioners City of Raleigh:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit for your consideration my annual report as Chief Engineer of your Fire Department, together with some suggestions for the future improvement of its usefulness, which after a careful and diligent examination I deem expedient and necessary. The most important perhaps is the building of three cisterns in such places as will guarantee their being kept full of water at all times, to be used for supplying the other cisterns with water during long continued droughts, such as last summer's dry season. I have made a very careful survey for these localities and find one at the western terminus of Hargett street where a never failing spring can be made the means of supplying water; another built on Lane street between Salisbury and McDowell streets can be kept full from another spring; a third built on Davie between East and Bloodworth can be supplied with an abundance of water by damming the branch there which is fed by two springs and is always running a sufficient water even in the driest season

to fill the cistern. These three cisterns can always be used in case of fire and also as supply cisterns for the others when emptied.

Another matter I would earnestly call your attention to, is the housing of apparatus. The entire east end of the Market building has been closed up to make engine houses against the protest of many citizens and much to the sanitary detriment of the Market. It is also desirable to have the apparatus now in the East end of the Market House removed elsewhere as a protection to the machines. Now and ever since the apparatus was first placed there the basements underneath have been used as eating houses with constant fires burning, the heat from which does great damage to the apparatus. The ladders and running gear of the trucks are often so shrunk and dried out as to require their being run out on rainy days to prevent great damage to them, while the valves and pumps of the Hand Engine are seriously impaired by this steady artificial heat. An addition to Rescue Engine House will obviate this to a great extent. Hook and Ladder Truck could be housed there.

There is ample room for both the Chemical Engines in their Engine House on Wilmington street. This change will certainly improve the sanitary condition of the Market and add very materially to the benefit of your Fire Apparatus, as it will open up the east end of the Market House to better ventilation.

Save in the respect of proper house room, all the apparatus in my charge is in as good condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, as when I took charge of your Fire Department. The active force of each company remains about as at my last report, and are always prompt and willing to do duty when called upon.

We have been fortunate indeed during the past year, having but twelve fire alarms, of which but two were fires of any magnitude; both of these were outside the City limits: one the Art Gallery of St. Mary's school, the other

the barns of Mr. Wm. Boylan. One alarm was on the occasion of the very destructive fire at the town of Henderson when the Mayor of that town called on us for assistance, and in a very short time men and apparatus were at the depot ready to start, when word arrived that the fire was under control.

I would respectfully ask that a special committee be appointed to represent the Board to confer with myself, assistants and the Board of Fire Commissioners, upon the above suggestions, together with others, which, when reduced to a systematic order, I desire to present to the Board of Aldermen for action.

Before closing, I would say that I have had the strong support of the Board of Fire Commissioners, whose promptness to meet whenever occasion demanded has always been cheerful. During the past year Capt. John J. Fray, Fire Commissioner from the First Division, died. He was an excellent and useful man to this Department, and his good, sound advice and many suggestions for the improvement of the Department and its discipline will be missed.

From my Assistant Engineers and Secretary I have had much willing and great help, and do not know of any better officers than those who have managed and conducted the affairs of the various companies during the past year, so far as they have fallen within my personal knowledge.

Trusting that the annual inspection of the Department on the 20th of this month may fully satisfy the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with my management.

THE DEPARTMENT

As at present organized, is composed of the following white and colored companies:

Rescue Steam Fire Engine Company;
Phœnix Chemical Fire Extinguishing Company;
Victor Hand Fire Engine Company, (colored);
Hook and Ladder Company; and

Bucket and Ladder Company, (colored);
having a working force of 281 men, and in charge of the following apparatus:

RESCUE STEAM ENGINE COMPANY.

1 second class Silsby steamer.	3 horses.
1 two-wheeled horse hose truck.	3 sets of harness.
1 four-wheeled hand hose truck.	1 fuel cart.
1 two-wheeled hand hose truck.	1600 feet serviceable hose.
18 spanners.	2 wrenches.
2 axes.	6 lamps.
Estimated value of \$7,500.	

PHŒNIX CHEMICAL COMPANY.

1 double cylinder Engine.	1 single cylinder Engine.
2 horses.	2 ladders.
260 feet serviceable hose.	10 buckets.
150 feet damaged hose.	3 axes.
2 fire hooks.	4 lamps.
3 spanners.	1 monkey wrench.
7 nozzles and play pipes.	8 acid chambers.
4 soda buckets.	1 engine house.
Estimated value of \$3,500, not including engine house and horses.	

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

1 four-wheeled truck.	5 ladders.
4 buckets.	9 lamps.
7 fire hooks.	4 axes.
Estimated value of \$1,500.	

VICTOR HAND ENGINE COMPANY.

1 four-wheeled hand engine.	2 axes.
500 feet good hose.	2 wrenches.
10 spanners.	8 lamps.
2 play pipes.	2 buckets.
1 two-wheeled hose truck.	
Estimated value of \$5,000.	

BUCKET AND LADDER COMPANY.

1 four-wheeled truck.	2 axes.
29 buckets.	1 lamp.
2 ladders.	
Estimated value of \$500.	

WATER SUPPLY FROM PUBLIC CISTERNS FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

Number.	Fire Division.	LOCATION.		By Whom Built.	Capacity in No. of gallons.	Number of Openings.	CONDITION OF WATER, MAY 1		REMARKS.
		Ward.	Streets.				Feet.	Inches.	
1	Fifth.	Third	Intersec. of Fayetteville & Davie.	City.	40,000	2	14	10	Besides these there are a few private cisterns to which our apparatus can get access in case of need, but they are small and will do but little good. The tank at the cotton platform has a capacity of about 5,000 galls. and will add materially in case of fire in that locality, as it can be kept full by force pump at Railroad Shops
2	Fifth.	Third	Fayetteville bet. Martin & Hargett.	City.	7,000	1	1	5	
3	Fifth.	Third	Fayetteville bet. Martin & Hargett.	City.	7,000	1	2	1	
4	Fifth.	Third	Fayetteville bet. Hargett & Morgan.	City.	7,000	1	4	9	
5	Fifth.	Third	Fayetteville bet. Hargett & Wilmington.	City.	10,000	1	4	10	
6	Fourth	Third	Intersec. Hillsboro & Harrington.	City.	30,000	2	12	7	
7	Third	Fourth	Intersec. Lenoir & Salisbury.	City.	30,000	2	10	11	
8	Third	Fifth	Intersec. Davie & Dawson.	City.	40,000	2	10	11	
9	Seco'd	First	Intersec. Davie & Person.	City.	30,000	2	7	10	
10	First.	First	Intersec. Newbern Av. & Bloodworth.	City.	30,000	2	10	11	
11	First.	Third	Intersec. Blount & North.	City.	30,000	2	8	10	
12	Fifth.	Third	Capitol Square, East side.	State authorities.	50,000	2	10	10	
13	Fifth.	Third	Capitol Square, West side.	State authorities.	50,000	1	10	10	

I have the honor to respectfully submit this report.

T. W. BLAKE,

Chief Engineer Raleigh Fire Department.

REPORT OF GRADED SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND BUILDINGS.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 30, 1885.

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Raleigh:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Public Schools and Public School Buildings, as you are aware, had its origin by reason of the purchase of the Centennial Graded School Building. The necessity which caused the purchase of that building, and the repairs which were found necessary to put the building in order for school purposes, suggested the idea that the public schools of Raleigh Township could be more efficiently and conveniently conducted by the City than by the county authorities, as required by the general school law of the State; hence your committee prepared and secured the passage of an act through the last Legislature transferring the public school interests of Raleigh Township to a committee of six, to be selected by the Board of Aldermen.

The Board selected Messrs. N. B. Broughton, R. H. Lewis, S. F. Mordecai, T. H. Briggs, Jr., F. L. Ried and G. Rosenthal, to whom the exclusive control of public schools in Raleigh Township has been committed by the said act.

The money used for the purchase of the Graded School Building was borrowed by the City, and is still unpaid. To enable the City to pay the said purchase money, the last Legislature also passed an act giving the Board power to ask the qualified voters of the City to vote an appropriation of \$25,000 to enable the City to pay for the Centennial Graded School Building and to make such repairs as may be necessary to put said building in proper order. It is the hope