

BOSTON HIGHLANDS.**Matters Among the Firemen.**

A new departure seems to have been taken by the members of Engine 13 company and Engine 15 company, who have established smoking rooms on the second floor, where the men stay when not at work about the apparatus, etc., excepting one man, who remains on the first floor to loosen the horses in case of alarm. It is expected there will be some change in the apparatus in Assistant-Engineer Mumroe's district. It is said that Chief Green favors the removal of Engine 12 to the house near Police Station 9, built for Hook and Ladder 4, now located in cramped quarters on Eustis street, near Washington street, and to have the latter truck placed in the house vacated by Engine 12. Several times the project of moving Engine 12 has been broached, but each time the proposition has been so strongly opposed by the citizens near the engine house that it has been abandoned. Now, however, it is said that the citizens will not oppose its removal. It is also argued that Engines 12, 13, 14 and 23 are within a nearer radius of each other than any other four engines in the city; also that the territory in the vicinity of Blue Hill avenue and Dudley street, above Hampden street, is being rapidly built up and that the citizens make a reasonable demand for more protection from fire, which would be in a measure effected by the removal of Engine 12, as indicated. On the other hand, Assistant-Engineer Colligan's district is, and has been for several years, sadly in need of a ladder truck to be located on Tremont street, near the railroad crossing, and the proposition which seems to cover the ground most completely is to have a new truck made for that locality, which has more large buildings than any other section at the Highlands; put Ladder Truck 4 back into the house built for it at Mount Pleasant, and, by the way, it is the most convenient ladder-house in the city, but is not suitable for an engine and hose carriage. Let Engine 12 remain where it is, and put a chemical engine in the house now occupied by Ladder 4.

Varieties.

A benefit concert is soon to be tendered to Miss Emma S. Howe, either in Kennedy Hall or the Dudley-street Opera-house. Miss Howe will be assisted by Mr. C. R. Adams and Miss Ella S. Cleveland; also by other talent, including a well-known pianist and a popular reader.

A leap-year ball will be given in the Palladio Hall Monday evening, February 2, and promises to be a very lively affair.

"The Marble Heart" will be given in the Dudley-street Opera-house by the Wallack club, February 11, for the benefit of Charles A. Wardwell.

The young ladies connected with the Saturday-evening germans, held in Dudley Hall, have nearly completed arrangements for a leap-year german, to be held February 13. Music by Carter's band.