

CHEMICAL ENGINE CO 2, SINCE 1874 ACTIVE IN BUSINESS SECTION, DISBANDED



Chemical No. 2, Church st. Hoseman James F. Sheehan (on seat) and Senior Hoseman Whalen.

At 9 o'clock this morning Chemical Engine Company 2, located for the past 46 years on Church st. in the South End, will be disbanded and the quarters of the company will be occupied temporarily by Engine 26 while the latter's station is undergoing repairs. The men of Chemical 2 will be assigned to other companies. The order to this effect was issued last night by Fire Commissioner John R. Murphy and Chief Peter E. Walsh.

Since July 3, 1874, Chemical 2 has been responding to all downtown alarms and had one of the largest running cards in the business section of the city. Be-

fore the advent of motor apparatus and the placing of chemical tanks on hose wagons this company was required to respond to all alarms for fires as far north as the Old State House and south to Massachusetts 'av, with the Charles River water front and the Old South Bay the other boundaries.

District Chief Caulfield, by orders of Chief Walsh, has split the membership roll of Engines 26-35, now located as a double company on Mason st, into two sections, Engine 26 section going to Church st, and Engine 35 section locating on Mason st, the apparatus being placed in the driveway between the engine house and the School Committee building.

The two steam engines now in service

will be placed in the shop and two big gasoline pumps will be substituted. The running card of Engine 26 will remain as at present, with the exception of the boxes in the immediate vicinity of the Mason-st station to which this company would be the "first in." These boxes and all automatic and still alarms in this district will be covered by Engine 35, with the other company responding on second alarms.

In the order issued last night the members of Chemical 12 are assigned as follows: Lieut George H. Darragh, Engine 26; Edward J. Whalen, Engine 37; James F. Sheehan, Engine 23; James J. Quinn, Engine 13; Patrick G. Mullane, Ladder 27. John Dacey of Engine 13 is transferred to Engine 42, and William J. O'Connell from Ladder 27 to Engine 21.