

IN THE SERVICE 28 YEARS.

Assistant Fire Chief John A. Mullen as Popular As He is Brave.

One of the best-known and most popular officials connected with the Boston fire department is Asst Chief John A. Mullen, who has a record of 28 years' service.

The chief is also one of the bravest

time later was a great relief to his fellow firemen and friends. He has a thorough knowledge of fire fighting and is cool in all emergencies. Several times he has suffered injuries, but he is not a man to complain.

In South Boston, where he fought fires for 22 years, he is universally popular. To every resident his face is familiar, and he is known by every school-boy. While in charge of the district he was called upon to fight many bad fires and not one was known to get away from him. It was with regret that the citizens parted with him in March, 1901, when his promotion to assistant chief made it necessary for him to change quarters.

At the time of his promotion to second assistant chief in December, 1897, he was banqueted by a number of the business men of South Boston and friends at the United States hotel.

John A. Mullen was born in South Boston, June 2 1851. After leaving school he learned the iron moulder's trade, which he followed until he became a fireman on June 12, 1874, when he was appointed a call member of engine company 15, Dorchester av. On May 5, 1876, he was given permanent appointment and was transferred to engine 23 Northampton st. He continued a member of the Northampton steamer up to Aug 8, 1881, when he was promoted to the position of captain and was assigned to engine 15.

After four years of service as commander of steamer 15, the commissioners again recognizing his qualities as a fire fighter promoted him to district chief and placed him in charge of South Boston. His promotion to second assistant chief occurred in December, 1897, and to assistant chief in March, 1901, when he was shifted to Mason st, where he has since continued on duty.

He is president of the Firemen's Mutual Relief association and is also connected with the Boston Veterans, Firemen's charitable association, Irish charitable association, Royal Arcanum, the Heptasophs and Knights of Columbus.

At present the chief is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia, which he suffered a few days after the Estes building fire. He resides on East 4th st, South Boston, and has five children.



JOHN A. MULLEN,
Assistant Fire Chief.

men in the department. On several occasions while fighting fires he has found himself in tight places and has had many narrow escapes. Once it was reported that he had been mangled by falling walls, and his appearance a short