

HAS SEEN 36 YEARS' SERVICE.

District Chief Hiram D. Smith One of the Bravest Fire Fighters and One of the Most Modest.

Chief Hiram D. Smith of the 8th district, Roxbury, is one of the most earnest workers in the fire department, and

narrow escapes from death. He is not only one of the bravest of men, but is one of the most modest and unassuming, as well.

District Chief Smith was born in Eastport, Me., in October, 1844, and was employed as a carpenter before the breaking out of the war. He enlisted in 1861 and remained in active service until 1864, when he was mustered out and promoted to corporal. He came to Boston in 1865, and followed his trade until he joined the fire department.

He was appointed to the call force in 1867, as assistant foreman of ladder company 3. On the reorganization of the department a few years later he was given the grade of captain, and was placed at engine company 22. In 1880 he received a transfer to engine company 4, Bulfinch st., a very busy company, of which he had charge for more than a decade. On Sept 16, 1890, when the new engine company 37, on Longwood av., Roxbury, was placed in commission, the board of commissioners selected him as captain of the company, and he filled the position in a capable manner for more than a decade.

On the retirement of District Chief Griffin in November, 1900, Commissioner Russell honored Smith with a white hat. His promotion to district chief was a most popular one, and on receiving the promotion he was assigned to take charge of the 11th district, Brighton. During his stay in Brighton he made himself very popular. On July 12, 1900, he was transferred to the 8th district, Roxbury, where he has since remained.

He was seriously injured at a big fire in the Haymarket block, Charlestown st., many years ago, by being struck by a piece of falling machinery.

He is connected with the Royal Arcanum, Odd Fellows, Grand Army and the Relief and Charitable associations of the fire department.



HIRAM D. SMITH,
Chief of the 8th Fire District, Roxbury.

always exercises excellent control over his men. He has seen 36 years of service, and during his career has had many