

REVIEW TOWN SUPPLEMENT.

DURHAM, Dec. 17th, 1896.

THE SLATCHER FIRE.

Last Friday the Brigade replenished the tanks, a bit of voluntary and necessary practice. On Saturday morning at 1.30 they were rudely called from their slumbers for an involuntary practice.

Apart from the loss to the Slatchers, it was a most useful fire, as it showed up several weaknesses which should at once be remedied.

Before mentioning these we may be allowed to point out how evident was the mistake in placing the engine house where it is. This is the first fire since the engine was secured, that it had to be taken up hill, and what do our citizens think of it? Had a second engine been placed in upper town, and a fire broken out at the same time in the most southern part of the town, the second engine could have been at work before the first got to Kress' tank.

The north ward is very inefficiently protected, and the blunder in placing the hall where it is must be evident to every one. The weary wait at the engine house of the first arrivals until the sufficient men gathered to take the engine out, and up the crackling of fire going merrily on meanwhile, gives an experience not very soothing.

However, recriminations are valueless, and we would call upon council and company and citizens to take steps to prevent in the future such an imbecile fighting of a small fire as has been witnessed.

We must have public spirit. The fire company may be giants, but with imperfect tools, with the public on the sidewalk, and a few firemen tugging at a hose reel in the street, what wonder if they get "that tired feeling" mentally and physically, and start to reckon if the privilege of jumping into duck pants, and have 3 or 4 hours hard and hungry work is worth the candle.

We believe only three of the reelmen stayed to the close, consequently captain and engineers had to turn in and gather up the hose, one reel at a time. The engine was easily got back, the fire faithfully made ready for the next call, and at 5 a. m. the small band went home, no doubt to attack the cupboard, for fighting fire is hungry work.

The firemen are blamed for neglect of appliances. If so, who is responsible? The engine is all right, and the hose all wrong, and the problem of its care must be at once attended to.

Arrangements should be made at once to have a 50 foot tower, as this seems absolutely necessary to properly care for the hose.

Who will move for a rousing concert to aid the funds of the firemen, and provide better equipment? Honestly now can't these helmets be traded off for 50 feet of good hose?

We would offer a few suggestions original and selected which we believe are good:

Let matches be kept in the fire hall. Have at least one incandescent light there, to burn all night.

Let the general public make sure the engine can be manned before running to the fire, i. e. run for the hall first.

Don't, for any sake, if you are a man be reluctant to help the firemen in getting into position, get out of the way then.

Let there be a system of lantern signals if at night, between the fire officers have whistles or horns that would prevent the distraction of everybody yelling at the same time.

Let every fireman remain at his post till engine and hose are replaced in the hall. A few of his comrades would not then be left to wrestle with the reels, one at a time, on a raw morning in dark and silent streets, while the public were again to bed.

If ever there was a matter in which public interest and sympathy should go hand in hand it is this fire protection. Who is not interested?

We once before spoke of what the ladies might do. With their many fine organizations could they not arrange, at a night fire anyway, to have some simple refreshments for the firemen at the close? or, if a protracted fire even during its course?

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	Leave		Arrive	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Durham	7 20	7 00	1 55	10 25
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