

MEDALS FOR DARING AT EQUITABLE FIRE

Four of the Eleven Awarded to
Firemen Are for Bravery
in Rescues There.

BENNETT MEDAL FOR INDIAN

Who Released Giblin from Vault—
Other Fires of Last Year Re-
called by Board of Merit.

The Board of Merit of the Fire Department made public yesterday the names of eleven firemen to whom medals have been awarded for the year just ended. Conspicuous among them is Seneca Larke, the only Indian in the Fire Department, who distinguished himself by his bravery in rescuing William Giblin, President of the Mercantile Savings Deposit Company, from the burning Equitable Building on the morning of Jan. 9, 1912.

To Larke was awarded the Bennett medal for heroism. The Indian, who is engineer of the searchlight engine, stood in a dangerous position on the Broadway side of the Equitable Building, and heedless of flames and falling material, sawed through the steel bars of a window behind which Mr. Giblin had become imprisoned. He then led Mr. Giblin to safety.

The Equitable fire is still further recalled in the award of three other medals. James G. Brown of Hook and Ladder 1, was designated as the wearer of the Bonner medal for his valiant rescue from the Equitable Building of Capt. Charles F. Bass, whom he found unconscious with a fractured skull on the third floor of the building. Brown bore the Captain through fire and smoke to a window where he was passed down to the street by the men of Hook and Ladder 8. Captain Bass died from his injuries on Nov. 8, 1912. It was he who last saw Battalion Chief Walsh, whose body was recovered several days after the fire.

James A. Malloy of Engine Company 32, received the Prevost War Medal for his brave attempt to rescue firemen from the roof of the Equitable Building. Malloy made repeated attempts to get lines to the men, but was driven back by the flames to retreat from the building from which he finally leaped to the street, where he was killed.

James F. Mooney of Hook and Ladder 4 won the distinction which bears the Wertheim Medal for his timely assistance in the rescue of three men at 252 West Forty-seventh Street on Jan. 13, 1912.

To Thomas Gilbride of Hook and Ladder 1 was awarded the Strong Medal. Gilbride, with scaling ladders, rescued three men at a fire at 25 Park Row on the morning of Oct. 16, 1912.

Lieut. Charles W. Rankin of Engine Company 33 will receive the Crimmins Medal for his bravery in an attempt to rescue the three men who leaped from the Equitable Building and for other conspicuous services at that fire.

Capt. John J. Kelly of Hook and Ladder 9 received the award of both the Stevenson and the College Medals. The Stevenson Medal went to him for the best disciplined company, and the College Medal for the highest percentage in the Firemen's College.

Arthur Boylan of Engine Company 14 will be the recipient of the Agnew Medal, awarded annually to the members of that company on merits of skill and bravery. Boylan, by using a scaling ladder, rescued two women from the third floor of 121 West Sixteenth Street, on March 6, 1912.

To Charles L. Holmholtz of Engine Company 238 has fallen the Hurley Medal. Holmholtz rescued Fanny Simons from the third floor of a building at 479 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, on April 24, 1912.

Capt. John J. Walsh of Engine Company 268 was selected as most worthy of the Brooklyn Citizen Medal for his rescue of Firemen Ove and Leddy from Gowanus Canal, into which both were hurled by a falling beam at a fire on Dec. 16, 1912.

With the exception of the Hurley, The Brooklyn Citizen, College, and Stevenson Medals, all are first-class medals, and carry with them the department medals.

SAYS SLOCUM IS NOW SANE.

Marriage Was Annulled Two Weeks

Ag—Supposed Incurable.

Ernest F. Slocum, whose marriage to Maud Hamilton Baker Slocum was annulled two weeks ago on statements that he was insane when he married and suffered from incurable insanity, is now sane, according to the statement of Robert E. McLearn, who was appointed his committee by the Supreme Court. Mr. McLearn said that Mr. Slocum had been freed from Dr. Carlos MacDonald's sanitarium at Central Valley more than two months ago and had come to this city. Mr. McLearn also said that, although Dr. MacDonald had pronounced Mr. Slocum's case hopeless, Slocum had made great progress in the last three or four months. He admitted that no proceedings had been undertaken to relieve Mr. Slocum from restraint or the custody of the committee, and that proceedings to upset the annulment of the marriage were unlikely.

Mr. Slocum, who was Vice President of the Safety Car Heating and Lighting Company of 2 Rector Street, made a stir in November, 1907, five weeks after his marriage, by leaping into New York Bay from the deck of the Staten Island ferryboat Bronx in the presence of his bride. This act resulted in his being put under restraint.

Secrecy was observed in the annulment proceedings. Testimony was taken in private before Major Gen. John F. O'Ryan as referee. His report attracted no attention. The formal order of Supreme Court Justice Newburger, "Slocum against Slocum, referee's report confirmed and interlocutory judgment signed," escaped notice when it appeared among a number of matrimonial matters a fortnight ago.

Mrs. Slocum was the daughter of Walter R. Baker, Secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Her husband met her father when selling equipment to the Canadian Pacific. A friendship sprang up, which was followed by a whirlwind courtship and a society wedding in Montreal. Mrs. Slocum and others testified before the referee that between the engagement and marriage Mr. Slocum underwent great mental changes, and was so strange in his behavior on his wedding day as to excite comment in the wedding party.

MASONS TO GIVE A BALL.

Lodges of This City Unite for 'a

Dance and Reception for Charity.

The Masonic lodges of this city have united to give a charity ball on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, at Thirty-fourth Street and Fourth Avenue. In addition to dancing there will be a reception and an exhibition Knights Templar drill by four commanderies of the metropolitan district.

President-elect Wilson has been invited and, in addition to all the high Masonic officials of this city, representatives from the grand bodies of the State will be present.