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THE MASSACHUSETTS CREMATION SOCIETY.

*Incorporated under the Laws of Massachusetts. Capital Stock, Fifty
Thousand Dollars. Shares, Ten Dollars Each.*

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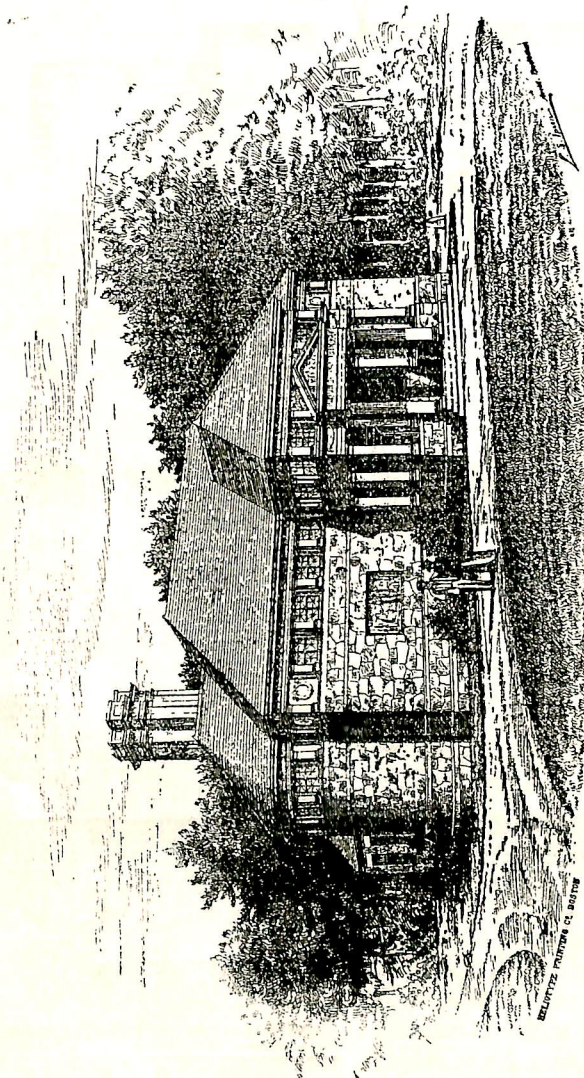
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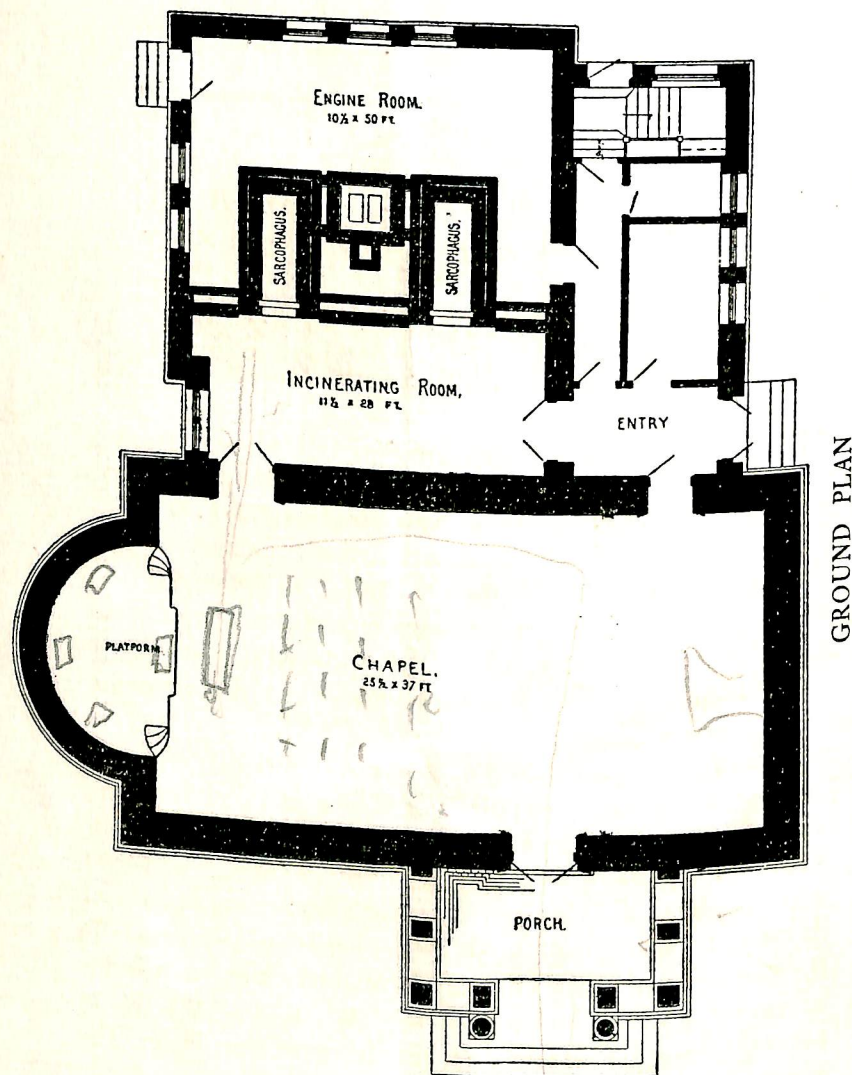
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BUILDINGS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CREMATION SOCIETY

WALK HILL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.



THE Massachusetts Cremation Society is a stock company, organized for the purpose of building and maintaining a crematory for the people of New England. Its shares are ten dollars each; and application for its stock should be made to the Treasurer, Mr. Richard W. Hale, 10 Tremont Street, Boston. Applications for cremation, and other communications, should be addressed to the Crematory, Forest Hills (Telephone connection, Jamaica Exchange), or, if preferred, to the Treasurer.

The property of the Massachusetts Cremation Society consists of its crematory buildings and four acres of land, situated on the westerly side of Walk Hill Street in Jamaica Plain. The buildings, of Roxbury felsite, were begun in 1893, and completed in 1900, and comprise a chapel and annex containing the sarcophagi used for incineration purposes. In the construction of the chapel, provision has been made in the basement for the building of a columbarium, or series of niches, for the safe keeping of the ashes of the dead. The society hopes soon to be in funds for the construction of the columbarium. In case of funeral services at a cremation the

chapel is open for free use. The sarcophagi are heated and bodies incinerated by burning sprays of atomized petroleum, according to a method owned by the Ames Oil-burner Company of North Easton, Mass. By this means a temperature of 2,500 to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit can be obtained. An illustrated description of the process can be obtained from the Treasurer, or at the Crematory.



THE MASSACHUSETTS LAW REGARDING CREMATION.

REVISED LAWS, 1902, CHAPTER 78.

SECTION 7. Five or more persons may form a corporation in the manner provided in chapter one hundred and ten, with a capital of not less than six thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of a par value of either ten or fifty dollars, for the purpose of providing the necessary appliances for the disposal by cremation of the bodies of the dead; and they shall have the same powers and privileges, and be subject to the provisions of said chapter, except as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 8. Such corporation may acquire by gift, devise, or purchase, and hold in fee simple to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, land which is necessary and appropriate for its purposes, and situated in such place as the State Board of Health may determine to be suitable.

SECTION 9. Cemetery and crematory corporations may, subject to the approval of said board, make by-laws and regulations consistent with law for the reception and cremation of bodies of the dead and for the disposition of the ashes thereof, and shall conduct their business in accordance with such regulations as said board shall establish and furnish in writing to the clerk of the corporation. For each violation of the regulations of said board they shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars. Such corporations shall not erect, occupy, or use any building for the purpose of cremation until the location and plans thereof with all details of construction have been submitted to and approved by said board or by some person designated by it.

SECTION 37. The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after his decease unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and it shall not be received or cremated by any corporation organized under the provisions of section seven or the corresponding provisions of earlier laws until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial and a certificate from the medical examiner of the district within which the death occurred that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

SECTION 22. Medical examiners within their respective districts shall, upon application and payment or tender of a fee of five dollars, view and make personal inquiry concerning a body intended for cremation.

INSTRUCTIONS.

I.

All applications for cremation, or any communications, should be made to the Superintendent, at the Crematory.

Telephone connection, Jamaica Exchange.

Or, if preferred, to the Treasurer.

II.

Every dead body received for cremation must, if the death occurred in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut, be accompanied by the usual burial permit required by law before burial, and, if the death occurred in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut, by a certificate from the Medical Examiner of the district within which the death occurred that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary. Dead bodies received from States other than those above mentioned must be accompanied by the *sworn* certificates of two physicians (each of whom must be a graduate of some legally organized medical college, and one of whom shall have been the attending physician of the deceased), setting forth the cause of death and the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

Appropriate blank forms may be had from the Treasurer or at the Crematory.

In giving an order for cremation, state the date and hour of death, bearing in mind that the law requires that forty-eight (48) hours must elapse before cremation, *except for contagious and infectious diseases*, in which cases this fact must be so stated in the certificate or affidavit. The Medical Examiner's certificate, and all affidavits, in cases where they are required, must be brought to the

Superintendent of the Crematory, with the fee. Or they may, and in special or unusual cases should, be submitted to the Treasurer who will then issue a permit for cremation, which will accompany the body and be delivered to the superintendent at the Crematory.

III.

The society recommends that the body be dressed very simply and without metallic objects. In all cases the society prefers to incinerate the body in the coffin as received.

IV.

The fee for incineration is \$30, payable in advance, except for children under ten (10) years of age, when it is \$20. For a cremation on Sunday or on a holiday \$5 additional is charged to meet the actual cost of extra service.

V.

One or two witnesses selected by the family should be present during part at least of the incineration.

VI.

The most direct way to reach the Crematory is by train, on the Providence Division of of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, to the Forest Hills station, where is also the terminus of the Forest Hills line of electric cars from Boston. Thence to the grounds is a walk of about twelve minutes, or about five minutes in the public carriages, which are always in waiting at the station.

VII.

The ashes are ready for delivery to the representatives of the deceased on the day following that of the incineration. In cases of emergency, however, the delivery can be made in from four to five hours after the beginning of the incineration.

VIII.

The crematory buildings are open for visitors every day from 9 A.M. till 5 P.M. Incineration may take place every day in the year.

IX.

It is suggested that notices of services and of cremation should make it clear that our Crematory is not within the grounds of the Forest Hills Cemetery proper. An accurate form is "Services at the Chapel of the Massachusetts Cremation Society, Walk Hill Street, Forest Hills."

Total number of incinerations since Dec. 30, 1893, the date of the first cremation:—

1894	87
1895	88
1896	135
1897	160
1898	167
1899	230
1900	188
1901	172
1902	217
1903	225

