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Samuel A. Green, M. D.

of Boston.  
(A. D. 1851.)

## MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

Mount Hope Cemetery is situated in the Dorchester District about 5-1/2 miles from the City Hall. It originally contained eighty-four and three-fourths acres, and was set apart for a Cemetery by individuals who were incorporated under powers given by the Revised Statutes, November 15, 1831, and was consecrated by appropriate ceremonies June 24, 1832. Sales of four hundred and twenty-seven lots were made by the Company and improvements were in progress from year to year. By deed, dated July 31, 1857, it was conveyed to the city for the sum of \$35,000. In 1868 the city purchased an additional lot of twenty acres, on the northerly side, for \$14,000, so that the Cemetery comprises at the present time an area of over one hundred and four acres. The proceeds of sales of lots are paid into the City Treasury, kept separate from other funds of the city; and, under the direction of the Trustees, expended in improvements of the Cemetery.

From the first of May to the first of November the present year, conveyances to the Cemetery can be had by the cars of the Boston and Providence Railroad, which leave Boston at 10.10, 11.30 A. M., and 2.40 P. M., and by the cars of the Old Colony and Newport Railroad, which leave Boston for Mattapan at 1 P. M., and by the Forest Hills horse cars, which leave Boston at 11 A. M., 2 and 3 P. M. Returning, the Cemetery coach will connect with the steam cars of the Providence Road for Boston at 11 A. M., 2.15, 3.33 and 5.10 P. M., and the horse cars from Forest Hills at 11 A. M., 4 and 5.30 P. M., and the steam cars of the Hartford and Erie Road at 1.08 P. M., and the Old Colony Road at 4.45 P. M.

Besides the natural beauty of the grounds, and the art which has improved and embellished them, there are several objects of interest to invite visits from citizens and strangers to the Cemetery. Its location is in one of the most attractive valleys of Eastern Massachusetts, and the landscape view secured by its highest elevation can hardly be surpassed in the vicinity. The floral display at the proper season has been pronounced by competent authority unequalled by that of any Cemetery in the neighborhood of Boston. The Army and Navy Monument, erected to commemorate the heroic deed of Boston in the great struggle for nationality, is regarded as one of the most chaste and successful of the many similar structures that have been erected. The Odd Fellows' Memorial, about to be erected, and a beautiful artificial lake now in process of construction, will soon add their attractions;

while the numerous private monuments, with the many sylvan retreats and shaded avenues, already make this Cemetery one of the most soothing to the finer feelings, of the many "gardens of the dead" with which the vicinity of Boston now abounds.

The office-building recently erected near the main entrance to the Cemetery, contains a waiting-room sufficiently commodious for holding funeral services.

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## MANAGEMENT OF THE CEMETERY.

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By the Ordinances of the City of Boston, the management of Mount Hope Cemetery is vested in a Board of seven Trustees, of which the major part is elected annually, in the month of January. Four of the Board are chosen from the citizens at large, one is a member of the Board of Aldermen, and two members of the Common Council. Each of the Trustees is subject to removal from office by the City Council, for cause. The Board chooses a President from its own number, and a majority constitutes a quorum for business.

The Board has the sole care, superintendance and management of the Cemetery.

The Board is authorized to take and hold any grant, donation, or bequest of property, upon trust, to apply the same, or the income thereof, for the improvement or embellishment of the said Cemetery, or for the erection, repair, preservation or renewal of any monument, fence or other erection, or for the planting or cultivation of trees, shrubs or plants, in and around any lot, or for improving the said premises in any other manner or form consistent with the purposes for which said Cemetery is established, according to the terms of such grant, donation or bequest.

The Board of Trustees urgently invite the attention of the proprietors of lots to the importance of making provision for the permanent care of the same. For the sum of one hundred dollars deposited with the city, a Bond will be given for the perpetual care of any lot containing not more than three hundred square feet. Larger lots will require the deposit of an amount sufficient to provide for the quantity of land contained in such lots.

The annual care of lots can also be secured by an order directed to the superintendent, the price being regulated by the size of the lot and the amount of labor required.

## TRUSTEES OF MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY.

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1874.

ALANSON BIGELOW, <i>President</i> ,	WILLIAM MINOT, JR.
GEORGE L. BURT,	DAVID WHISTON,
JOSEPH F. PAINE.	SAMUEL B. HOPKINS.

ELBRIDGE G. KNIGHT.

The time of service of Messrs. Bigelow, Minot, and Whiston expires in 1875, that of Messrs. Paine and Hopkins in 1876, and that of Messrs. Burt and Knight in 1876.

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NICHOLAS A. APOLLONIO, *City Registrar, Secretary*, City Hall.  
SAMUEL A. B. BRAGG, *Superintendent*, at the Cemetery.  
(Post-office address of the Superintendent, "Mattapan, Mass.")  
*Office of the Trustees*, City Hall, School Street.



## BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES.

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**ARTICLE 1.** The annual meeting of the Trustees shall be held on the first Monday in May. At this meeting there may be chosen a President, and a Superintendent for the ensuing year. At the succeeding meeting the President shall nominate a Committee on Accounts, and a Committee on Grounds, a Committee on Lots, and a Committee on Interments.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The President shall call a special meeting when requested to do so by two Trustees.

The Regular meetings of the Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday, and on the twenty-second day, of each month, except when the 22d occurs on Sunday or on a holiday, when the meeting shall be held the day following.

### PRESIDENT.

**ART. 2.** The President shall preside at the meeting of the Trustees. He shall determine the hour and place for the meetings. He shall, unless otherwise ordered, nominate all committees; he shall sign the deeds of conveyance of lots, and bonds given for the perpetual care of the same; he shall make the annual

and other Reports to the City Council, and perform such other duties as are required by the ordinances of the city. All bills on account of the Cemetery shall be approved by him before they are presented to the city for payment. In the absence of the President his duties shall be performed by the senior Trustee present.

**SECRETARY.**

**ART. 3.** The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings, and record the doings of the Board. He shall have charge of the plans belonging to the Cemetery, and all legal instruments, reports, catalogues, and other publications of the Trustees. He shall prepare, countersign, and record, in a book kept for the purpose, all deeds of conveyance for lots or bonds given for the perpetual care of the same. He shall pay into the City Treasury, monthly, all moneys received by him on account of the Cemetery.

**SUPERINTENDENT.**

**ART. 4.** The Superintendent shall reside near the Cemetery, and, under the direction of the Trustees, shall have the general supervision and custody thereof; shall keep the avenues, paths and grounds in neat and satisfactory order; and, as agent for the Trustees, shall have the sole power to engage and discharge workmen; also to order and arrange their respective duties, and to pay their wages at such times and in

such manner as the Trustees shall direct. He shall see that all regulations with regard to interments and the construction of tombs, monuments and fences, are complied with. He shall see that the rights of the city and regulations of the Trustees are respected by artists, mechanics and laborers employed on the grounds by individual proprietors. He shall fulfil all contracts made with proprietors for the repair of lots, or for their permanent care, and perform such other duties as the Trustees may require. He shall have power to remove from the Cemetery improper and disorderly persons, to abate nuisances, and to remove rubbish and unnecessary incumbrances. He shall keep, in books provided for the purpose, regular and accurate records of all interments, including the names and ages of the persons interred, and the place and date of their interment; also, of all monuments erected, and lots enclosed and improved. Also, of all moneys received or disbursed by him, whether for wages, fees, improvement of lots, sales of any kind, purchases made, or services rendered. On the first day of each month, or oftener, if required by the Trustees, he shall render to the Secretary copies of said accounts, with proper vouchers, and pay over to him all moneys remaining in his hands. He shall also render to the Secretary on the first day of each month a statement showing the number of interments made for the preceding month. The compensation of the Superintendent shall be a salary, to be fixed by the Trustees, and the use of the dwelling-house connected with the Cem-