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Old Fire Brigade

Our note the other day on early Fire Brigades in Sheffield - when the headquarters were in Barker's Pool - has drawn this interest from Mr. Harry C. Chambers, writing from Beighton:-

“The horses to draw the engine were obtained from Reuben Thompson's stables in Pinstone Street if available; and members of the Cleansing Department staff were trained in fire-fighting and went with the engine, if they were at hand.”

Miss Joan Ronksley, of Stannington recently sent us a coloured post card showing the Sheffield Brigade in 1906. The equipment included two steam pumps and escape ladders, each set drawn by a pair of horses.

The firemen wore shining brass helmets, a picturesque feature which modern firemen would be sorry, we believe, to see revived.