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FINE FOUNTAIN GIVEN TO CITY

BY THE NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE.

TO BE SET UP IN MARKET

Drinking Fountain of Polished Granite Will be Handsome Addition to Public Market—Sketch of Life of Man Who Founded the Alliance

A fine granite drinking fountain for the new market is now on the way to Rochester, it was announced yesterday by the Mayor from the secretary of the National Humane Alliance [illegible]. Working plans for setting the fountain were sent with the letter, and City Engineer Fisher will begin at once to have the foundation for it laid. An excellent site for it has been selected in the new market, and it will be a handsome and practical one, it will be an ornament to the market.

The fountain is a handsome gift and one the city appreciates very much," the Mayor said yesterday.

The fountain is of polished granite, and the basin [illegible] feet in diameter. Projecting from the basin will be a number of smaller ones for dogs and other small animals. A short shaft of granite will rise in the center of the main basin, and from the mouths of the carved heads of lions on the sides of this shaft water will pour into the basin. Cups will be placed about the shaft.

The plan first proposed to set the fountain in the street, but the Mayor favored having it in the market, and after a [illegible] the suggestion was adopted. The fountain is to be set up in the northeast part of the market, in a place and ended upon only five [illegible] Hamburgers [illegible] Pennsylvania avenue and in the point, a good and the air for the campaign. It will be possible to [illegible] space for [illegible] to stand at the same time [illegible] the fountain.

Because of plans having been sent in [illegible] Engineer Fisher will begin at once the work of building the foundation at once. The water pipes are now in place.

Donor Once Lived in Rochester.

In connection with the gift of the fountain, it is of interest that the founder of the National Humane Alliance was at one time a resident of Rochester. He was the late Herman Lee Ringer, who came to Rochester in 1862. Two years later he left for Chicago, where he lived until his death in 1895.

Mr. Ringer was born in Carlisle, Pa., on June 20, 1828. With his parents he moved to Sheffield, Ill., when he was quite young, and at 15 years of age he became a congressional page in Washington. In 1850 he went to Chicago, and then to Detroit.

Young Ringer was reared under religious influences, was a member of the Congregational church, and when 20 years of age decided to be a minister. With that object he entered Phillips Academy, but another business opportunity came to him while he was at school, and he went to Chicago and began to work for a college company. He resigned this company later and entered in the fire of 1871, in saving valuable books from the office.

Mr. Ringer was a man of many ideas, for that Mr. Ringer became the manager of a well written paper, the Alliance, issued weekly, the time of which was mainly religious and widely humanitarian. He engaged in the advertising business later, and in this was remarkably successful. In twenty years he amassed a fortune.

Noted for Humane Work.

Mr. Ringer's character and humane work are thus described:

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The offices of the Humane Alliance are at No. 410 United Charities building, New York city. The officers are: President, Herman Ferry Fisher; vice-president, Frederick H. Tillinghast; secretary and treasurer, Lewis M. Sperry.

City accepts gift of fountain. Details about donor.

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