

Fire at Heeley

A rather serious fire occurred about eight o'clock last night, at a house numbered 11, in Thirlwell Mount, off Thirlwell road, Heeley, and occupied by Mr. Cuthbert Cooper, assistant superintendent to a well-known firm. The fire had its origin in closet attached to the house, and in a very short time after its discovery had burned through into the adjoining room and had havoc with the furniture and the house fixtures. From there it spread to the roof and did considerable damage. A message was sent to the Fire Station, and pending the arrival of the brigade a number of people resident in the neighbourhood set to work with buckets to put out the flames. This, to them, was a difficult matter, and undoubtedly could not have been done before the flames had spread to the adjoining houses but for the timely arrival of the firemen, headed by Superintendent Pound. The damage is estimated at about £130, and of this sum not a penny is covered by insurance. A large number of books and papers belonging to the insurance were partially, if not altogether destroyed.