

Fire in Clough Road

A fire broke out this morning on the premises of Mr. Henry Townsend, known as the Alpha Works, in Clough road, where the manufacture of ornamental jewellery is pursued. Information of the outbreak was sent to the Fire Brigade from Highfield Police Station, where news had been taken by Police constable Young on the beat, and who first discovered it at 4.35. Inspector Bradbury and a staff of men proceeded to the spot, and were supplemented by the Fire Brigade men with the tender, in the charge of Sergeant Crawford. The fire was confined to the store-room, where it was supposed to have originated in an explosion of gas. A hole one square yard had been burnt completely through the floor. With the aid of buckets of water the fire was extinguished in a brief space of time. The damage done will be under £100. The building is insured in the Queen's Insurance Company and the stock in the Alliance Fire Office.