

## A Year's Fires in Sheffield Lowest Loss for Ten Years

Sheffield suffered a smaller loss from fires during 1906 than in any of the past ten years. The annual report of the Chief Officer Frost of the Fire Brigade, states that the damage to property occasioned by fires they attended was £17,661 below the average for that period. The highest amount was £66,424 in 1900, the lowest £7,859 for the past year, and the next smallest total £8,330 in 1902. The total number of calls to fires, or supposed fires last year, was 238, an increase of one on the previous year. Within the city 222 were slight and only one serious (where the damage exceeded £1,000).

The losses within the city amount to £7,494 14s 6d. the six outside Sheffield £364 10s. Compared with 1905, the total of £7,859 4s. 6d showed a decrease of £3,048 10s on the amount of property destroyed within the city, and a decrease of £1,017 10s on that outside the city boundary. Five fires occurred in Sheffield in which life was lost, and the number of lives actually at risk was 135. On six occasions families were rescued or escaped by way of bedroom windows, serious injury resulting in some cases. No fewer than 7,130 hours were spent by firemen on duty at the theatres and music-halls.

The number of calls received for the ambulance during the year was 2,475, and increase of 226.