

FIRE AT WHEATLEY.

OIL LAMP DESTROYS BUNGALOW.

The upsetting of an oil lamp caused a fire which completely destroyed a bungalow before any assistance could be obtained, and did damage to the extent of £1,300 on Wednesday night.

At 9.45 at "The Bungalow," Wheatley Bridge, the residence of Mrs. Blanche E. A. Martin, her son, Robert Martin, aged 13, was engaged in sorting some articles in a chest of drawers by the light of an oil lamp. Suddenly it fell over and exploded, and the bungalow, which is a wooden one, was soon in flames. No one was injured, but though the City Fire Brigade arrived on the scene with a motor pump and motor tender the whole of the bungalow and its contents had been destroyed.

The property was insured under the Motor Union. There were four officers and ten men of the Fire Brigade on parade, with Chief Officer A. M. Eldridge in command.