

Serious Fire at Cowley Bar

About eight o'clock on Tuesday evening, a fire broke out on the farm premises occupied by Mrs. Martha Ward, Kirk House, Cowley Bar. The fire originated in, cow shed where a quantity of barley straw was kept, and was discovered by a labourer on the farm named Howarth. The alarm was speedily communicated throughout the neighbourhood, and a large number of persons quickly assembled to render assistance. A telegram was despatched to Sheffield for the Fire brigade, but they did not arrive until three o'clock' yesterday morning. In the meantime, notwithstanding all the efforts used to prevent its spreading, the fire had obtained possession of a barn adjoining the cowshed in which it was first discovered, both of which buildings were completely gutted. The flames had also spread to the roof of the house, and the efforts of the 'brigade were at once directed to its preservation. For some time considerable doubt was entertained as to their ultimate success, and it was thought advisable to remove as much of the furniture as possible. Fortunately, however, by dint of much perseverance, the flames were driven back from the house, but the fire had seized upon a, large stack of hay, and burnt with such fury that only a small part of it was saved. The damage is estimated at about £500, and is covered by insurance in the Alliance Office. The origin of the fire is not known.