

With regard to the fire but little remains to be said. The brigades kept at work for some hours, but at half past five this morning, the St. Albans Brigade returned home, every danger of its spreading being at an end. Mr. Vaughan Stevens, who was very much affected by the destruction of his beautiful home, arrived at Harpenden by the Pullman shortly before one o'clock from Worthing. We understand that the house and contents are insured in the Guardian Fire Office, through Mr. R. B. Longland, the local agent. It is difficult to estimate the total amount of the damage, but it probably ranges between £10,000 and £15,000. A message received late this morning states: "The fire is not yet extinguished, but there is no further danger. The premises are a complete wreck, only the billiard-room and conservatory standing. Some of the gables have fallen, but the walls and chimney stacks are standing. Large numbers of people are visiting the ruins from the neighbourhood around."

Fire at Harpenden.