

FORMER SOLDIER'S HOME PARTIALLY BURNT.

Flying sparks from a fire under a copper were responsible for the partial destruction of the home of Mr. W. H. Thompson, a returned soldier, at 57 Sydney street, Albion, on Saturday, January 3. The alarm was given at 8.20 a.m. and responded to by Senior Fireman Percy Paine, Fireman W. O'Reilly, and p.p. John Guy and Duncan McFarlane, of the local brigade, and also by a Footscray detachment. The structure, a five-roomed weatherboard house, was burning strongly at the rear, but the firemen, thanks to a good supply of water, were able to save the front portion which escaped with slight damage. The back rooms and their contents were however badly burnt, and will need renewing. The house was insured with the State Savings Bank, and the furniture and effects with the Eagle Star Company for £200. Pending reconstruction the family has removed elsewhere.

The Rev. Francis and Mrs. Tamagno and family left on January 2 on a motoring tour through Gippsland and on to Omeo where they will make a temporary stay. They purposed visiting the lakes, the Buchan cave country and the beautiful scenery about Mount Hotham, returning to Sunshine at the end of the month. The Rev. P. and Mrs. Turner, of Omeo, are occupying the Sunshine manse, and Mr. Turner is conducting the local Sunday services.