

FIRE AT ST. ALBANS

A weatherboard dwelling in Grant Street, St. Albans, was destroyed by fire at 11.30 on Friday morning. It was occupied by Mr and Mrs Stewart, and took fire while Mrs Stewart was momentarily absent. The baby, who was slightly burnt, was rescued by Mr Harrison, and was slightly burnt. Sunshine fire brigade reached the fire before it burnt out. No water was available. Mr Stiff, of Geelong, owns the house.

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The child who was reported to be slightly burned in last week's issue was, upon closer inspection, found to be more seriously burned, and, although treated by a doctor and admitted to a hospital, died shortly afterwards. The first report was telephoned to the "Advocate" soon after the child was taken from the fire, and before the arrival of the doctor. Great credit must be given to Mr. Harrison, who ventured into the heart of the fire, and recovered the child, although nearly overcome by smoke, and, more's the pity, if he had known sooner that somebody was in the house, the infant's life would have been saved.

On Saturday afternoon Messrs. E. Luxford, A. Clarke, R. Clarke, J. Sheridan, R. Sheridan, J. Read, H. Blount, W. Barnett, N. McKecknie, and E. Perrett put in a good afternoon's work spreading and rolling gravel on the tennis court. Mesdames Sheridan and Read, and the Misses McKecknie provided afternoon tea for the workers, which was much appreciated. This afternoon a similar working bee will take place, and it is hoped there will be as good a response.

Last Saturday night the employees of the Australian Explosives Co., at Deer Park, held a euchre party and dance in the St. Albans Mechanics' Hall, which was very well attended. The euchre games were well contested, but none of the prizes came to St. Albans, the writer failing to catch the names of winners, who were strangers to him.

A number of new books have been added to the local library, and are

added to the local library, and are in great demand among readers. The books appear to be of a very good type, and reflect credit on the treasurer, Mr. A. G. Dickson, who chose them. A meeting of the St. Albans Progress Association will be held in the Mechanics' Hall at 8 o'clock on Monday night.

The friends of Mr. A. Dickson, senr., are sorry to hear that he is at present indisposed.