

ORPHANS' HOME, AFIRE.

Children in Asylum at College Point
March Out Without Disorder.

Two hundred and fifty children and forty-seven teachers and servants were turned out of the Bethlehem Orphan Asylum in Second avenue, College Point, L. I., late Wednesday night when fire was discovered in the cloak room in the cupola of the building by the Rev. J. C. Kraemer, the superintendent.

The orphanage was formerly an old time country mansion. It is a frame building and stands in a sort of park bounded by Second avenue and Third and Fourth streets. Many of the children in the institution are the survivors of the burning of the steamboat Gen. Slocum. Their parents' perished in that disaster and through St. Luke's German Lutheran Church in Manhattan they were put in the orphanage.

When Superintendent Kraemer smelled smoke and traced it to the cloak room he sounded the fire alarm and the children, forgetting no part of their fire drill, marched out without confusion or unnecessary haste. Three minutes after the alarm everybody was out of the building. There had been no mishap of any kind.

The police reserves that were sent from College Point, Flushing and Whitestone had nothing to do. While the firemen worked the children stood in classes in orderly fashion, although some of them were suffering severely from the cold. It was necessary to provide shelter for them immediately and several companies of them were marched around to the Poppenhusen Institute at Second avenue and Third street, where the big furnaces were set going and the children made comfortable. Quarters were found for the others in Brinkemann's Hotel, opposite the orphanage.

The fire was confined to the cupola and the damage to the building was only about \$500. A large quantity of clothing in the cloak room was destroyed. As soon as possible after the fire the children were taken back into the uninjured part of the building.