

MANSSION FIRE IN

SURREY.

HISTORIC BUILDING DESTROYED.
ART TREASURES BURNT.
-Gatton Park-

Picture.:-

Another of England's historic old mansions has been destroyed by fire. Gatton Hall, Merstham, the residence--

--of Sir Jeremiah Coleman is gutted. The valiant and untiring efforts of--

--fire brigades from surrounding towns failed to extinguish the flames in time to save the house and contents. The building contained many irreplaceable --

--works of art. A library of famous first-editions has been destroyed. Two of--

--G.F.Watts' world famous paintings acquired at a cost--

--of four-thousand-pounds are lost. The marble hall, a replica of the--

--Corsini Chapel in Rome is burnt out. The fate of an ancient Roman mosaic pavement in the hall valued at twenty-thousand-pounds is not--

--yet known. It's a sacrificial pyre of many works of genius.

Ashes of greatness, but just ashes.