

Church Fire

Sunday Morning

WHICH THREATENED TO DESTROY
PRESBYTERIAN PLACE OF
WORSHIP.

Sunday morning, just before time for church services, an alarm was sounded which brought out the fire department, who at once proceeded to the Presbyterian church, which structure was greatly endangered by fire, which started in the basement from an overheated furnace.

It seems as though there was considerable trouble experienced in getting the fire to burn, and in order to have the church warm for the services, the drafts in the furnace were thrown open by the party in charge, who, after seeing that everything was all right, went up town on an errand. Upon his return he found the floor above the furnace ablaze, and immediately sounded an alarm. The fire boys responded at once, and through the excellent service rendered by the department the fire was soon under control. The loss will amount to between \$1000 and \$1500, partly insured.

The Courtenay fire department is deserving of great credit for their untiring service in handling fires for it is anything but pleasant work, to get out on a cold morning and get an ice cold bath.