

## WATSONVILLE CHURCH BURNED.

While the Watsonville fire department was participating in our Fourth of July celebration here, the Christian church of that town was burned Friday afternoon.

The building was first seen in flames at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the volunteers' service was of little avail, as the flames were too well under way before they were detected. A piano and reed organ were all that was saved and the new pipe organ put in less than a year ago was totally destroyed with the building. The building was one of the handsomest churches in this part of the State and Watsonville was justly proud of it. The loss will exceed \$20,000, of which amount \$7,500 will be recovered by insurance.

No one knows how the fire originated, but it is presumed that a firecracker did it. This makes the second time the Watsonville Christian church building has been razed by fire, the first fire being on the same site in 1892. A meeting has been called and the members will meet Monday evening to take steps toward rebuilding at once.