

CHURCH HALL DESTROYED IN MOUNT GAMBIER FIRE

The Christ Church jubilee hall in Hay Road, Mount Gambier, was destroyed by fire on Friday, and damage is estimated at £2,000.

Cause of the fire is unknown and the police are investigating.

Members of the Church Club, who had been decorating the hall for a cabaret, left at 9.30 p.m. A railway employe, on duty in the control room nearby, saw the fire at 1.40 a.m., and called the fire brigade, which concentrated on preventing the fire from spreading to adjoining rooms.

Thousands of gallons of water were pumped on to the fire, which was the biggest in Mount Gambier for many years.

Two valuable pianos were destroyed. One had been bought by public subscription for £180 for the Junior Choral Society several years ago.

The hall was insured.