



Provincetown citizens remembered today that on March 14, 1908, the Centenary Methodist Church was destroyed when it was struck by a bolt of lightning during a storm exactly like the one this morning.

The bolt struck the top of the steeple and burned down as firemen waited with streams of water until it reached a level where they could fight it. When it reached the roof, however, there was an explosion, and the entire building was enveloped in flames. According to the town records two boys, Joseph B. Oliver Jr., 14, and Joseph R. Holmes, 12, were killed on March 30 when they were struck by falling debris at the scene of the fire wreckage.

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Watch Night services will be held in the Centenary Church this evening from 8 to 12, closing with the arrival of the new year. Every one is cordially invited to join us in the service.

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— Rev. E. McChesney, D. D., of the Madison Avenue Church, New York, who is stopping for the summer at the Gifford House, preached at the Centenary Church Sunday morning.