

in each case, but generally something can be done to make things better.

Perhaps some details of the working of a church that is made to fill a very large place in the little town in which it is built, will illustrate this idea. In October, 1904, the writer was sent to White Horse, Yukon Territory, to supply in the Presbyterian Church there, until a suitable man could be found to take the place of Rev. J. J. Wright, who had resigned after four or five years of faithful work. White Horse is a small town, the terminus of the White Pass and Yukon RR., and the head of navigation on the Yukon River, being just below the famous White Horse Rapids. The population varies greatly, at times there may be 2,500 or more, and at times there are only a few hundred. On account of its position numbers of train men, and steamboat men live there, and there are large shipyards, where a number of men are employed about eight months each year. It is the headquarters for the R. N. W. M. P. for Yukon Territory. Then, too, there are large numbers of miners working in the creeks in the vicinity. There is a constant stream of men coming and going, to all parts of the Yukon, in fact, when the spring and fall rush is on, the town is full of men all the time. It will be seen then that it is an ideal place for just such a church as the "Yukon Presbyterian Church," which occupies a prominent corner lot, near the centre of the town.

This is a long, low building, to which several additions have been made, so that it now has a manse attached. The main body of the church is used as a Reading Room during the week. It is not very large, nor very high, because it is so much easier to keep a low room heated, and that is al-

ways a consideration in the north. It is very bright and very comfortable, and consequently very popular on cold days.

On the roof there is a large sign, "Free Reading Room," and in front there is a glass light sign, so that day or night all that run may read, and feel welcome. The main body of the manse part is also the Church Parlor, and there the Ladies' Aid meets, to plan for the good of the church, and to make things for their annual "sale of work." There is also a very nice little kitchen, stocked with everything a lone "preacher" might need, but this is a digression.

As for the Reading Room, it is well stocked with papers and magazines, an excellent selection. There are a number of the best of the British, American and Canadian, Daily, Weekly, and Illustrated papers. There are about twenty-five monthly magazines on file, and several of the leading church papers are there too, the best of those published by several denominations. Chairs and tables are placed wherever needed, and the place is lighted and heated from early morning till 10 p.m., or till later if any wish to stay. Living in the same building, and having full charge of all the departments, even to keeping on fires, and keeping it all neat and clean, of course gave one every opportunity to see the working out of the scheme, and it was surely an unqualified success.

As a great number come "outside" for the winter; that is down to Vancouver, Victoria or Seattle, generally, the population of the town is not very large in the winter, but there are always a number of men who are very glad to come in during the day or evening, to read the papers. Some were in nearly all the time; it was a rare