

The following is a brief account of the native workers shown in the picture:

Mr. Sutejiro Soga is a graduate of Keio Gijiku University, Tokyo. On graduating he received an appointment in the prefecture of Gifu, which he held for some time, but on returning to the capital he accepted the offer of a mastership in the boys' school attached to his *alma mater*. When the province of Shinano was set apart by the bishops in Japan as the Canadian mission field, and the Rev. J. G. Waller left Fukushima to begin work in Nagano, Mr. Soga accompanied him as his teacher, and since that time has as a layman done most excellent work for the Church.

The Reverend James Isao Mizuno is one of the oldest members of the Nippon Sei Kokwai (Japanese Holy Church). For eighteen years he worked at Kobe, as a layman, with the Rev. H. J. Foss, an S.P.G. missionary. In 1890 he was ordained deacon, but in the spring of 1895 was obliged to resign the curacy of St. Michael's Church on account of failing health. He then returned to his native province, Shinano, where he took a complete rest for about nine months. This, together with the change in climate, brought back his failing strength, and with it a burning desire to continue his work as a clergyman of the Church. With the Bishop's consent he moved to Nagano, which is not far from his old home, and since the beginning of the year has been working with Mr. Waller. He is an invaluable addition to the Canadian staff, for he is a good preacher, and has had a long experience in mission work.

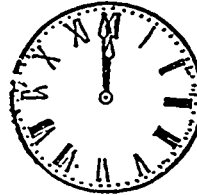
The Reverend Masazo Kakuzen is also a graduate of Keio Gijiku University, and taught there for six years. In the year 1890 he went to Canada with the Rev. Arthur Lloyd, to improve his education, and while there made a great many friends. He passed his examination for deacon's orders, and was ordained at St. Alban's Cathedral by the Bishop of Toronto in 1893, and in the fall of the same year was sent back to his own country as a missionary. He worked with Mr. Waller for some time at Nagano after his return, but in May, 1894, opened up new work at Matsumoto, which is in the middle of the province. In September, 1895, the Rev. F. W. Kennedy took charge of this work, thus forming a second centre in the Canadian mission, with Matsumoto as its headquarters.

Mr. Seishiro Ushiyama is a native of Shinano. He received his education at a military school at Konodai, near Tokyo. While there he heard about Christianity, and, in spite of persecutions received at the hands of his companions and officers, became a Christian. After serving some years as a non-commissioned officer, he went back to his old home, where he received a position in the village police office. But his desire to learn more about Christianity led him

to give up this position and go to Nagano to work with Mr. Waller. When war broke out between China and Japan he was summoned to Tokyo to join his old regiment; before leaving for the scene of conflict he was made a sergeant, but on the arrival of his regiment at Kingchiu (China) peace had been restored. On his return he was promoted to the rank of ensign and offered a good position, but he refused it, preferring to receive a small salary and return to his old work among the Christians in Nagano. He is now in charge of the preaching station at Inariyama, which is under Mr. Waller's oversight.

### Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."—II. Cor. v. 14.  
Communications relating to this Department should be addressed to  
Miss L. H. Montizambert, General Corresponding Secretary W.A.,  
159 College Street, Toronto.



Remember daily the mid-day prayer for missions.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for thy possession": Ps. ii. 8.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Jude's Church, Oakville, last fall sent a bale of clothing, etc., to the Northwest. They have received the following instructive reply from Rev. T. H. Hobbs, a missionary at Lake St. Martin, Man. It is well worth reading. We thank St. Jude's Branch for sending it to us:

SANDY BAY INDIAN RESERVE,

December 31st, 1895.

Corresponding Secretary St. Jude's Woman's Auxiliary, Oakville, Ont.:

I have just received a bale of clothing from the Rupert's Land Woman's Auxiliary, the contents of which were forwarded to them by St. Jude's Woman's Auxiliary. I desire to thank you very much for the kind, Christian interest taken in these poor Indians. Kindly convey my thanks to the ladies of St. Jude's for their generosity. A word regarding the work, and the people among whom the work is being done, will not be inappropriate, and may, perhaps, increase the interest taken in them, and promote a desire to help them still further. These poor people are much in need of friends. They need to be lifted up, and led into nobler and higher realms of thought and action than they move in at the present. The good seed has been sown, and the planted fields are being carefully attended to. The Master's Word is being taught them, and it is gratifying to be able to say that the good work is not lost upon