

## THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

The St. George's Company (No. 15) of the Church Boys' Brigade was revived on Thursday, December 1st. All Saints' Company, under command of Chief Sub-warden Shaw, took possession of St. George's school house on that evening, and opened the meeting in due and ancient form. About a dozen boys were initiated, and the following officers were elected:— Captain, Willie Dean; 1st Lieutenant, Ernest Duffill; 2nd Lieutenant, Hugh Day; Colour Sergeant, Fred. Davies; 1st Sergeant, J. Stephenson; 2nd Sergeant, Harry Buckle; 3rd Sergeant, John Rowe. Mr. Shaw explained the object of the Brigade, and urged the boys to make their Company one of the most efficient.

Mr. Willoughby Norrie, an old choirman of St. George's, has been good enough to act as Sub-warden; Mr. William Barker has very kindly promised to be Drill Instructor; Mr. Alban Bedford-Jones also, we are glad to say, has expressed his willingness to help. With these helpers we expect great things for our Company.

One important feature of our Church Boys' Brigade is its inexpensiveness. Each Company can easily pay its own way after the initial expenses are provided. These expenses are for caps, stripes and guns, and amount to about 50 cents each. The guns cost as much as 25 cents each, and St. George's Boys' Brigade will be most grateful to any who will help them at their first start, so that they may begin on a good basis.

## JAPAN MISSION.

At the present day not to take an interest in missions is to be behind the times. The necessity for the "spread" of the Church is self-evident. We see our own empire with its colonies throughout the world. We see the great empires of Europe striving to found colonies. Nations must expand or decay. It is their striving after catholicity that keeps them alive. It is the same in the Kingdom of God. Apart from the fact that her commission is world-wide (St. Matt. xxviii. 19, 20), there is in her, as in other empires, the inherent necessity to colonize.

As regards discovering which way we should "spread out" the example of the Primitive Church, given in the Acts of the Apostles, is our authoritative guide. We find that the early missionaries radiated from Jerusalem. It is then quite natural and in accordance with apostolic customs that dioceses and national churches now should follow the same plan. We infer that

God expects our Diocese and our Church to send to her nearest neighbour. The Divine Guidance becomes more clear when we find special facilities for reaching that neighbour. In early days the Roman roads, so recently laid, invited the Messengers of Peace. No doubt God Himself had designed them. Now, the steamships and railways are analogous to the ancient roads. Which way then would God lead the Church in Canada? No doubt, first of all, to our own heathen Esquimaux and Indians. They are, however, few in number. A young and vigorous country is capable of greater and more extended efforts. The Finger points to Japan. Not only do the C.P.R. ships and the great C.P.R. railway supply facilities to the Church for reaching that country, but other circumstances clearly show the work appointed for the Canadian Church.

Our Church has seen the way which the Finger of God pointed and has "colonized" there. A number of Canadian Clergy "and of devout women not a few" are at work in the Diocese of South Tokyo. A year ago the Divinity Alumni of Trinity University determined to do something and so they offered to put up a Church at Nagano. Mr. Rounthwaite was appointed Treasurer of the fund. The Church has been built but owing partly to the change in the money standard and partly to the increase of prices consequent on the Chinese war, there remains a comparatively small sum to be raised. Last year St. George's gave \$50. We are asked this year for another \$50. Are there not many who can give \$1 or 25c to aid our Japanese fellow-Christians? Are there not some who can afford to give \$5? There may be some who can give larger sums. The Rector will be glad to receive any offerings. The Missionary in charge of the new Church, "The Church of our Saviour," is the Rev. J. G. Waller. He is the first missionary sent out by the Canadian Church. He was formerly at St. Anne's Church, and it will interest St. George's people to know that he graduated from Trinity in 1889, and was bracketed with Mr. Lowe, taking first class honours in Theology.

In the October number of the South Tokyo Diocesan Magazine, Archdeacon Shaw writes of Mr. Waller (who is now in Canada):—

"An able and wise theologian, endowed with a strong physique and a fine spirit of perseverance, he has succeeded in the face of more than ordinary difficulties in establishing, in one of the most antagonistic cities of the empire and a very hot-bed of Buddhist opposition, a firm centre of Christian influence, and has gathered around him a band of loyal and well-trained workers."