

Imperial home—and Empire means service, and wider Empire larger service for Christ and Commonwealth. And even if your dear ones go outside our Queen's domains in the name of the King of kings, it will only be to extend the bounds of Jerusalem which is the mother of us all—in a place 'prepared by God.' We are not careful to gainsay the fact that for many women it means a giving up of much that is most dear both on the part of those who go and those who let them go: but to give is more blessed than to receive; and to give up for Him who gave up all for us, is to bear, if His word be true, a hundredfold more in this present age and in the age to come, Eternal Life."

THE new C.M.S. missionaries comprise six clergymen, seven laymen, ten single women, one wife, and two future wives of missionaries. Nine of the men have been for longer or shorter periods at Islington, five of the ladies have been trained at Highbury, three at the Willows, and one at the Olives. The home of Mr. H. F. Gane, proceeding to the Yoruba Mission, is at East Tiverton, in Devonshire. Of the Niger party, Mr. Smith, comes from Kensington, Mr. Hensley has had some experience of life in the backwoods of Canada, and is cousin of our missionary of the same name at Lucknow. Mr. Wilson was formerly connected, as an engineer, with the Congo-Balolo Mission. Miss Dennis goes out with her brother, who has been for four years a missionary on the Niger. Miss Freeman is from Stonehouse, in Gloucestershire, and Miss Hopkins has worked as a Bible-woman in Stockwell. The Rev. K. St. A. Rogers, assigned to East Africa, is an Oxford man and has been curate at Melton Mowbray. Mr. Deering, of Brighton, also for East Africa, goes out to take charge of a mission press. The Uganda party, which leaves England in August, includes, in addition to the older missionaries already mentioned, the Rev. C. H. T. Ecob, of Holloway, who was "Gospeller" at the Bishop of London's last Trinity ordination, and three laymen, all business men, viz., Mr. R. Force-Jones, from Bristol, Mr. C. W. Hattersley, late Secretary of the Sheffield Lay Workers' Union, and Mr. H. E. Maddox, of Hampstead. The recruits for South China are Mr. and Mrs. Muller, of Highbury, experienced Christian workers who, on retiring from business, chose, instead of settling down quietly at home, to go out at their own charges to the mission field. The Mid-China Mission will be reinforced by the Rev. H. Barton, a student at Islington, Miss D. C. Joynt, sister to the well-known clergyman at Gipsy Hill, and Miss Helen Wood, daughter of a former C.M.S. missionary in Ceylon, where her sister, Miss Minnie Wood, is now working. Three

new missionaries proceed to Si-chuan—Mr. W. Kitley, of Bath, Miss I. S. Mitchell, whose home is in the United States, and Miss R. F. Murray, who has had the advantage of some training in Canon Roger's parish at Yarmouth, in addition to that which she received at Highbury.

One clergyman and four ladies have been assigned to Japan. The Rev. F. W. Rowlands, of Trinity College and Ridley Hall, Cambridge, is the son of a former missionary in Ceylon and brother to our missionary in the Punjab. Mr. Rowlands has been curate to Mr. Stone, now of Kilburn. Miss M. Brownlow is the daughter of General Brownlow, a much-respected member of the C.M.S. Committee, and the sister of Miss F. Brownlow, of Jaffa. Miss Burnside is the daughter of one of the Society's earliest missionaries in Japan, and has been appointed to work in the diocese of Kiu-shiu, the scene of her father's former labors. Miss A. Roberts has had valuable experience as a worker in Miss Daniell's Soldiers' Home.

GOD'S LOVE.

BY M. C. D. F.

COULD I but dive to ocean's deepest depth,
Or soar above the planets as they roll,
Or measure every footstep of the stretch twixt pole to pole—
Still 'twere an image faint of the eternal love,
Which, like an atmosphere in which we live and move,
Encircles us.

No eye can ken the height, the width,
No line can fathom the exceeding depth
Of this, God's ocean.

'Tis like the light our eyes behold,
Broadcast and free.

'Tis like the azure dome above us rolled,
'Tis like the mighty sea, immeasurable,
'Tis vast, unlimited, and lasting through eternity.

—Parish Visitor.

WORK AMONG THE AINU.

[We are sure our readers will be interested in the following extracts from a letter by the Rev. J. Batchelor, written from Sapporo, Japan.—Ed. *The Wide Awake*.]



THE work both among the Ainu and Japanese has grown so big, and the extent of the territory to be covered by us is so large, that the island has at last been divided into four parts, one part for each of the four presbyters, now working here. It is, of course, of my own district alone, in which 10,000 out of 16,000 Ainu reside, that I now write. Since being sent to this work among the Ainu, it has been my privilege to admit, by God's blessing, 681 into the Church of Christ by baptism, of whom there are now 667 under my charge, and of whom 97 were baptized in 1896, while there are no less than 139 persons at present under