

Farewell to Missionaries

By Mrs. Dengate.

Once more Century Baptist Church was crowded to capacity on the evening of September 28th. Indeed an overflow meeting in charge of Mr. Frank Inrig and Dr. Maguire had to be conducted in the Sunday School room to prevent many from being turned away disappointed.

Under the circumstances many were glad to hear the announcement made that another year the official meeting of farewell to outgoing missionaries would have to be held in some larger auditorium. Mr. S. J. Moore, President of the General Board of Foreign Missions, who gave us this assurance, also expressed the appreciation of the Board and interested Baptists of the city in the work that Century Baptist Church has done in the deepening of missionary zeal through the Festivals of Missions which have been held in the past years.

It was inspiring to hear the great hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" as it was sung at the opening of the meeting. Mr. Haverstock, the pastor of Century Church, read the Scriptures and Mr. Hind, pastor of the Guelph Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Vickerson is a member, led in prayer.

Mr. H. E. Stillwell, General Secretary of the Foreign Board, introduced the missionaries who were soon to leave for Bolivia. Mr. and Mrs. Haddow are to return to their work after a two years' furlough, during which time Mr. Haddow has been further preparing himself for his new work as principal of Reekie College, Oruro.

Mr. Haddow spoke of the good which came to the work in Bolivia through the visit of the General Secretary, and expressed the appreciation of the missionaries there for the results shown in the increased interest taken by the Baptists of Canada in their Bolivian Mission. He asked for supporting prayer that the new work of training Christian workers in a thoroughly Christian School to be carried on in Reekie College should be richly blessed and that

the ideal for the schools—Christ, the centre of all things, should be realized.

Mrs. Haddow spoke of their joy in the restoration of her health, which meant so much to them. She and the children return with Mr. Haddow, which would otherwise have been impossible. She made a very strong plea for consecrated, trained nurses for the mission work and told of how at present the missionaries themselves are without any nursing assistance unless a nurse from some other mission is available.

Mr. and Mrs. Vickerson have already sailed for South America since the meeting, when many saw them for the first time. He is from Prince Edward Island, and a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. He looks forward to real missionary service as a farmer, teaching the down-trodden, ignorant Indians of Peniel Hall Farm how to get better and bigger crops from the riches at hand.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vickerson were very active in Christian work in Guelph, and earnestly requested the prayers of the "Home" folk that they may have wisdom and guidance in the new work to which they are going, and keenness in acquiring the language. Mr. Reekie, the pioneer in the Bolivian Mission, led our hearts in a petition for blessing on these four as they go out to their great tasks.

There was an opportunity given for real expression of interest in foreign missions when the offering plates were passed and at that time our thoughts were turned to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts by the solo sung by Mr. Atkinson, "Behold Me Standing at the Door."

Mrs. Matthews, President of the Women's Foreign Board, introduced Miss Lucy Jones, of Ramachandrapuram, India. She spoke of the new study book, "Glimpses and Gleams of India and Bolivia," and told of how it describes Miss Jones and her field as "self-forgetful" and "the fruitful," respectively.

Miss Jones spoke of testifying to the Saviour whom we know and of each one's