

Mr. Plummer had applied for a post in Bolivia just before and was refused; but when the news of their loss came, the members of the Board thought again of the young man who was anxious to go, and a letter was sent which reached Mr. Plummer in time to prevent his accepting a call to a position in Peking, China. Mr. Stillwell was happy that they had secured the services of so devoted a worker.

Mrs. Matthews then introduced Miss Pratt. An introduction was hardly necessary, but it gave Mrs. Matthews an opportunity to voice the appreciation felt by the women for Miss Pratt and her splendid work. Her unbounded enthusiasm, her quick insight into the needs of others, her beautiful Christian spirit had meant much to the mission, and while here on furlough, her devotion and ability had been a great help to the Circles, especially perhaps to the Young Women's Circles, to which she had brought new interest. Mrs. Matthews felt that while it was a great joy to see the new missionaries start out, so full of happy anticipation, and so willing to take up the burden, it was a still greater joy to feel that the one who was going knew what was before her, was familiar with the language, had proved herself able to stand the climate and the condition under which they lived.

When Miss Pratt stepped to the front of the platform she could feel no doubt of the interest and good wishes of the audience, and when she finally spoke of her happiness in returning to India, no one could doubt her sincerity. She said that she was convinced that the success of the work in India depended much on the young people of that land. They would be the ones to take the responsibility and to exert strong influence and so her deepest desire was to lead the girls under her care to Christ, to train them in the principles of Christian womanhood, that by their lives they might in turn influence their people to follow Christ. She had enjoyed being with the young women in Mission Bands and Circles and she bespoke their prayers, as she went back to her chosen field of labor.

Mr. Stillwell then asked Mrs. Plummer to say a few words that the people might know something about their new missionary, and so she spoke of herself, her training in a Christian home, of teaching in Sunday School where she had learned to know children, of social service work where she had met the poor and troubled in their own homes, of her university life. And then there were a few words about the journey eastward, and the hope that she might be used by God in Bolivia; she found joy in turning her steps towards that country knowing that she had the sympathy of parents, who rejoiced that they could give their daughter to a great task.

Mr. Plummer told how he had been led to take up the work in Bolivia. He was born in England and spent his childhood in China, where his parents were missionaries. At 13 years of age, he came to Western Canada, and a year later professed his faith in Jesus by baptism. All his high school and college days were spent in the West; there also he did work amongst the Indians, and while China seemed to be naturally his destination, he always felt a strong desire to work in Bolivia; and now that desire was to be granted. Mr. Plummer spoke of the journey across the continent and of the kindness shown to him and his wife, in Calgary, Brandon and other places as well as in Toronto—kindness which would be gratefully remembered, as he and Mrs. Plummer took up their new work in a strange land.

Mr. Buck, of Bolivia, gave a cordial welcome to the young missionaries. He welcomed Mr. Plummer as a graduate in "Agricultural Science" and at the same time, a leader in Christian work. He spoke of the need in Bolivia of just such earnest workers. He was glad Mr. Plummer was not going out alone. Together they would be strong to face the problems, the difficulties, the joys of their great undertaking.

At the close of the meeting the out-going missionaries remained for a few moments near the platform, to receive the more personal words of encouragement and the good wishes and farewells of their friends.