

FAREWELL SERVICE FOR REV. GORDON AND REV. MURIEL CARDER

A well attended service of Farewell for the Rev. Gordon Carder and Rev. Muriel Carder, was held in the Baptist church at Burgessville last Saturday evening. Many Baptist churches in Oxford County were represented at the service which, by a coincidence, was on Mr. Carder's birthday. Mrs. Carder, unfortunately, because of illness was detained in New York

and her many friends missed seeing her to wish her God speed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carder came home from India for their first furlough about two years ago. For a year they travelled all across Canada to give to Baptist congregations an account of their work and conditions on the Baptist Mission Field in India. They travelled far and mostly in opposite directions. Last autumn they enrolled in the Union Theological Seminary in New York City and took a course in advanced theology leading to the degree of S. T. M., Master of Sacred Theology. Mrs. Carder passed her examinations Magna Cum Laud, meaning the very highest of honours. Mr. Carder was successful in obtaining the degree also. He went back to New York early this week and within a few days time they will be on their way back to serve a second term in India.

Rev. Harold Allaby, pastor at Burgessville, conducted the service and gave a warm welcome to all present. He was assisted by the Rev. J. Clair Clark, minister of the First Baptist Church in Woodstock, who read the lesson and the Rev. L. R. Whan, Norwich, who led in the prayer.

Miss Lynn Harlow, Kitchener, who is preparing herself to do missionary work in Bolivia, was the soloist, singing "Teach Us to Build." A quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Allaby, Mrs. S. Tribe and Arthur Kelly sang a pleasing quartette. During the offertory a quartette of boys, David and John Tribe, David Wills and Allan Almas, played very well on wind instruments.

Rev. L. E. Wilton, Tillsonburg

who had worked with the Carders in India, introduced the speaker.

Rev. Mr. Carder based his message on the words: Bear Ye One Another's Burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ. He said the problems in East Asia are largely agricultural and it helps a lot if the missionary has a farm background. There is a tremendous pressure of people versus land. Some have much land and wealth, some are rich on a half an acre and others subsist on what they can produce on one-tenth of an acre of land. To people in America starvation is just a word in the dictionary, but in India starvation is an actual reality for almost 50% of the population. Those on the smaller land holding subsist on a mess of rice husks for more than a month before harvest time and many children simply die of starvation. This has its effect on the Christian church and on all society.

Many problems of the Indian people stem from their religious heritage, especially the conviction that they should not take life in any form. Rats and other rodents destroy up to 20% of the food the farmers produce, but the only thing they do about it is set large cage traps, and when these become full they either take them, themselves, or hire them taken about 20 miles down the road where the rats are let go free. They live in hopes that these same ones will not find their way back to their grain pile again. Poison and other destructive agencies are available from agricultural experts trained under the British plan, but the native farmers will not avail themselves of them. Gradually the land is becoming less productive. Agricultural authorities estimate that many thousands times more weight of cow manure is used for fuel than is put back to replenish the soil. It is mixed with rice husks and straw, allowed to dry and then it makes excellent fuel.

Inflation in India is five times greater than anything we know and it would take between \$550,000,000 and \$570,000,000 for the next ten years to develop the five and ten year plans and to provide for all the people of India. It is time the other nations of the world forgot their petty differences and learned to combine their effort to assist India to find her place in the world.

The church in India needs more young men and women to carry the message of Jesus Christ to the people and we should all help to bear the burden through our givings and prayers.

Following the church service the company went to the Sunday School room where Mr. Carder was assisted by Rev. Mr. Allaby, Mrs. Allaby and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelly in meeting the people.

Mrs. Kelly was in charge of impromptu program during which short messages of greetings and good wishes were given by Rev. James Simpson, Ingersoll; Rev. L. R. Whan, Nor-