

I remember the first talk I heard Mr. Mott deliver. It was at a meeting of the world's committee of Y.M.C.A. in Geneva, Switzerland. The delegates had presented difficulties and discouragements. The doors of opportunity new-opened in China, Russia, Turkey and elsewhere seemed beyond the ability of the association to enter. Mr. Mott chose as his text the verse where Paul speaks of the open door at Ephesus and of the difficulties of the work there. "Note," said he, "that Paul did not say, there is an open door but there are many difficulties. He said 'and.' A child can enter an open door where there are no obstacles. But the two things that fired the blood of Paul and called him to the task were the open door and its accompanying difficulties.

The urgency of the situation, the enormity of the task, the heroism that would apply itself unto that task, and the Christ who makes heroism possible and failure impossible, such is Mr. Mott's message. It used to be said that Queen's never played such good football as when she was up against it. If that spirit still breathes in Queen's be sure to turn out and hear Mott.

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The Journal thanks the Arts Society for the invitation to attend their first annual dinner on January 12th. From all that one hears it is going to be the function of the year.

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Mr. John Burton has asked the Journal to express to the students his hearty thanks for their kindness to him before Christmas. We wish to add that the students are glad to testify in this way to Mr. Burton's unfailing courtesy and help to them about the college halls.

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Great interest is being shown in the approaching visit of Mr. John R. Mott to Queen's. Mr. Mott has spent the last twenty-one years in visiting universities in all parts of the world, and it is safe to say that no other living man has exerted such a profound influence on student life. No student of Queen's should miss the opportunity of coming in contact with this strong and virile personality. His first address will be delivered on Saturday evening, January 15th, in Convocation Hall.

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During the Christmas vacation, the Standard discussed at some length in a very judicial way the social life at Queen's. The Standard sizes up most questions in a very philosophical way—but is afraid or unable to give a verdict. Balancing is a very high art, but we like to land on one side of the fence sometimes. So let us have something a little more definite next time, please!