

But here I must correct myself. It is not a movement which Mr. Mott serves which he would have others serve. It is a person whom he serves and loves,—the man Christ Jesus.

And yet to the ordinary observer of the Y.M.C.A., the institution seems to figure more conspicuously than the spirit of the person whose name it bears. But this is not Mr. Mott's fault. To him the association with its Bible-classes and prayer-meetings, its gymnasiums, its railroad work, its evangelical campaigns, and its buildings—is but the natural expression of the association spirit and ideal, viz., the all-round development of young men. To him it is as natural that the association should have all these and its other features as that the hand should have five fingers. The association as it is to-day is in his eyes a natural growth and evolution, and he has grown with it. To beginners in association work—to new associations and newly appointed workers—the full blown organism is in danger of becoming body without soul. To impose the body of an adult upon a childish mind would be to have a body which the soul cannot wield. The hand might then be an obstacle instead of an instrument. But the soul of an adult, the mature soul, makes not only the body subserve it as an instrument, but seeks new modes of expression—it may be in books or in political organizations, or in social clubs, or in the church. These things then become as much the vehicle for the fuller expression of that man's soul as are his own flesh and blood. To us who are young in association work—and I believe this is the case at Queen's—the full blown American association may seem to be too much of an institution. To Mr. Mott the association with all its modes of work and its branches all over the world is but the natural expression of a great soul.

Mr. Mott speaks in continents. "Asia is awake." "It is but a question of a score of years whether Africa shall be a Moslem or a Christian continent." "We have recently appointed a new secretary to a rather large field, South America." He has visited nearly every country in the world and won admirers and friends wherever he has gone. Few men, if any, have had the opportunities which he has had of observing world-movements and world-civilizations, and his broad statesman-like presentation of the subject is inspiring. He is to the Christianizing of the world what Cecil Rhodes was to the British Empire in South Africa. And the rock whereon he would found his world-empire is the superhuman power of Christ. Does the word "superhuman" sound strange and unnatural to the Queen's ear? Is not life itself superhuman? Can chemistry make the still heart beat again or logic reform the drunkard? Let us not at Queen's allow the use of a word to which we are not accustomed, close our hearts to the message of this man. Such prejudice were a mockery of the liberality which we boast of as belonging to Queen's. Mr. Mott is a prophet. So with all true prophets, his message is true. Like theirs also, his is universal in its sympathy and scope. No Queen's man can afford to miss his addresses, unless he is content to ignore an important factor in world movements and thus in his sympathy and outlook to be by so much the narrower.