

### A QUESTION FOR YOU

How much time do you suppose the average member of a Baptist church gives to thinking about, studying about, or knowing about missions? Or to make it more concrete, about the missionary work of our denomination? Consider yourself an average member for this purpose, and put the question to yourself. How much actual time do you devote to learning what your own denomination is doing in its mission fields in all parts of the world? An hour a week? Ten minutes a week? Honest now, how much? And what source of information do you seek?

These are by no means idle questions. They touch upon one of the most important phases of our Christian life. We are members of the church of Christ. By that token we are believers and followers. We have assumed certain definite obligations. To support missions, which mean world evangelization, is foremost among these obligations. But we cannot support missions intelligently unless we know about them and their needs and claims upon us. As a matter of fact, those who do not care enough about missions to know about them do not recognize the need to give to support them.

We ask these questions to arouse interest, if possible, in some who will confess that they have not devoted any special time to the real study of missions.—“Missions.”

### VISIT FROM DR. JOHN R. MOTT

By H. C. Priest

The recent visit to Toronto and Ottawa of Dr. John R. Mott calls for more than a passing notice. Probably no other religious leader is so widely known or possesses in such a unique degree the confidence of all branches of the Christian Church throughout the world. He has been aptly characterized as a missionary organizer, administrator, statesman and author whose influence girdles the globe, whose leadership enriches the life of many nations and whose countrymen are all mankind.

In addition to other positions which give him world contacts, Dr. Mott is chairman of the International Missionary Council thus representing the organized missionary forces

of the world. He has recently returned home from one of his many remarkable visits to the East in the course of which he addressed meetings and held conferences with the religious leaders in Japan, China, the Netherlands Indies, Australasia and the Philippines. Reports from the leaders describe the meetings as among the most remarkable ever held in those countries, in the appeal they made and the influence they exerted.

The committee, composed of Secretaries of the Mission Boards of the different churches, which had charge of the arrangements for Dr. Mott's coming to Toronto, was extremely fortunate in being able to arrange a visit covering six days and those days they filled to overflowing with a programme of meetings varied in character and exceptionally wide in their appeal.

Dr. Mott arrived on Saturday morning, January 29th. The first to claim his attention was a group of newspaper reporters, and to them he carefully gave the best part of an hour as they plied him with questions related to the Eastern situation. Another hour was spent in conference with leaders. In the evening he addressed the Student Volunteers of all the colleges in Toronto on "The Work of the Foreign Missionary Not Yet Finished," emphasizing the fact that the situation today by no means lessens the call for missionaries, but it does demand that the missionaries sent shall be of the highest quality and thoroughly prepared.

The splendid audience that crowded Convocation Hall Sunday morning and evening was a remarkable tribute to the distinguished speaker and a striking testimony to the place that he holds in the thoughts and hearts of our students. With intense interest they followed his presentation in the morning of "The World Situation and its Challenge to the Students of Canada" and in the evening of "The Pacific Basin—with special reference to China."

One of the strongest addresses of the entire series was that given in St. James Parish Hall on Monday morning to the ministers of all Communions in the city. Not only were present world conditions portrayed in such a way as to kindle hearts with the im-