

Calvary Church to Hold 7-Day Advent Mission

Oxford Groups Will Open Testimony Meetings Tomorrow

Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, at Fourth Avenue and Twenty-first Street, the headquarters of the Oxford Group Movement, or the First Century Christian Fellowship, will open a week of the "Advent Mission of Personal Witness" tomorrow night at 6 o'clock. Sixty converts from the neighborhood will give personal testimony, and all next week, at 8 p. m. nightly, there will be testimonials by bankers, business men, stock brokers and social leaders. This is the first "Advent Mission" held at the church in three years.

The Rev. Samuel Moor Shoemaker jr., the rector, who is on a six-month leave of absence in the interest of the fellowship movement in various parts of the country, has just published, through the Fleming H. Revell Company, a book on "The Conversion in the Church," in which he describes the work of the movement and assails the ordinary church for its failure to awaken to the challenge of Christianity.

Referring to newspapers, Mr. Shoemaker said nothing is more symbolic of what has happened to Christianity than to see a metropolitan daily on Monday morning with a page devoted to sermons, "all the articles being the reports of somebody's ideas."

"If there is any news," he said, "it is news about church building or the raising of some money, or where some worthy is preaching. I'd like to see a newspaper with imagination enough to run a page a week of changed lives. But if they are to do it, the Church has got to get busy and produce changed lives, and in unlikely orders or society, before the newspapers can be expected to take any notice of it."