

# CROWD GREET'S

## OXFORD GROUP

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Credo of Honesty, Purity,  
Unselfishness and Love  
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With every seat in the Warren Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourth Street and Broadway, filled Tuesday night, members of the Oxford Group unsentimentally presented their credo of "absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love" as the Christian fellowship method of solving personal and world problems. The church has a seating capacity of 1,800.

"Sentiment," members of the visiting team said, "is a snag to reality in religion. Sentiment is emotion without responsibility," William Harkness Browne, of Jesus College, Oxford, declared. Mr. Brown presided at the meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Hallen Viney of Downing College, Cambridge, former electrical engineer, discussed the association of business and religion. Accepting religion, he pointed out, "is almost like signing a business contract." He discussed "making concrete things out of vague things and being absolutely honest in one's attitude toward people."

Dr. Viney said there used to be a time when people would ask him to drive their automobiles and he would reply, "I never drive other people's cars." Since adopting the absolute honest attitude, he now replies, "I don't know how to drive a car," he explained.

"So many Christian people of today are living in a fog. The power of Christ cannot come through," he said.

Miss Mary Wilson of St. Helen's, England, told of seeking a purpose in life and finally "meeting these people who are victoriously happy." Martin Kiddle of New College, Oxford, discussed the sentiment angle and said, "We must face the fact that most of us most of the time are sentimental."

Mrs. L. Bradley, of Boston, Mass., said that her son's life "was far from

conforming with anything he had learned in the church, although she believed he prayed every day, until he found the key to Christian fellowship." Gerrard Senior, of Oxford, told "of putting a mirror up in order to see myself." This he compared with the story of a monkey, which collapsed after fully viewing itself.

Charles Kirkham, of Zurich, Switzerland, said he joined the Oxford Group after attending a house party about six months ago. Previous to that, he explained he believed that religion was something for poor people, who had a hard life here and got a good deal of satisfaction thinking of heaven. For intelligent people, he thought they should stand on their own legs. He said he found he was mistaken.

Lionel Ford, of St. John's College, Oxford, told of giving up his self-indulgences of smoking, eating to excess and lying abed late. "It is easier to criticise others than to be honest about ourselves," he said.

The Rev. R. C. Thompson, Oxford, told of the "complacency of people who measured goodness by their own standards, instead of by those of Jesus Christ."

Mr. Browne announced there would be group meetings during the day Wednesday at the Brown Hotel and meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in the hotel's ballroom.