

## OXFORD GROUP IN SOUTHPORT.

### Birkdale Hotel a Spiritual Beehive.

The ballroom of the Palace Hotel has this week been recapturing the glamour of first century Christianity. A cross-section of modern society, business men and their families, doctors, clergy of all denominations, varsity students, domestic servants, have experienced miracles in their personal, family, business and church lives. The mixed gathering of some 500 or more people is the outcome of the visit of a team last year at the invitation of the Bishop of Liverpool to meet his Chapter-clergy. The Bishop, together with the Bishop of Warrington, Bishop Linton of Persia, and the Dean of Manchester have attended the House party with keen interest. Bishop Linton plans to lead a spiritual advance backed by a strong team in Christ Church, Southport from December 10th to 18th.

On Sunday at 5 p.m. in Liverpool Cathedral will be held a Commissioning Service, unique in its way, for an international team that is planning to spread spiritual revival in America this winter, sailing on October 15th. As with the house-party, men and women of many nations will take part in the expedition. A Vice-Admiral, a Dutch Baroness, a former Communist Revolutionary, once a miner's lad, several Oxford and Cambridge men, ordained ministers of various denominations, a leading educationist from Germany. Their arrival and work is awaited as a result of former visits, with great hope and expectancy by influential industrialists and members of Parliament across the Atlantic. It is realised in the United States that there is no choice except "Riot or Revival" ahead.

The members of the team have in many cases sacrificed security and salaried positions, in order to hand out "new lives for old" under the guidance of the living God. They have, like the early apostles, no financial backing, but have found that where God guides, He provides"—material needs included. Judging from the national and international results of the work of past teams to Europe, South Africa and America, this should be one of the greatest adventures since the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers.