

Further Inspiring Talks By Members Of Oxford Group

Another Series of Frank, Delightful Short Addresses Heard By Capacity Ottawa Audience.

Featured by another series of delightful short addresses on the experiences of members of the group, the second meeting of the Oxford Group was held in the banquet hall of the Chateau Laurier last evening, when a gathering, estimated at more than 600 people, occupied every available bit of space in the large auditorium.

The most colorful figure of the evening perhaps was James (Jimmie) Watt of Edinburgh, Scotland, who was a miner at 14, has been a leader of the Communist party of Great Britain, who organized the great strike in Scotland in 1926, and who has twice been confined to jail as a result of his zealotism in the cause of the working man. Mr. Watt pointed to the great change wrought in his own life as an example of what the group is accomplishing, and stated that it is his belief that the barriers of race, creed and class are rapidly diminishing in the world today, due to the influence of the spread of Christianity. He cited as a proof the fact that some six countries are represented in the party at present in Ottawa, and these members are composed of most every denomination insofar as religion goes.

To Enjoy Life More Fully.

Another speaker who captivated the interest of the audience was the Baroness Lilian van Keecheren van Kell of Steeg, Holland, who told of her introduction to the group. This was brought about, the baroness stated, through Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman. Through her meeting

with Dr. Buchman, she was prevailed upon to attend a "house party" of the group, and became immediately intrigued by the fact that members were able to live out what they advocated and at the same time be able to enjoy life more than those with whom she had been associated in the past. This, she realized, was the influence of Christ, and the realization of the fact had brought her into the group.

George Wood of Aberdeen, Scotland, drew hearty laughter from his audience when he remarked, in the course of his address, "I used to think I was a pretty good egg because I regularly attended Bible class. I did so simply because the class was a mixed one. My idea of religion at the time," he continued, "was a kind of thing that walked behind a funeral in a top hat."

Donald MacKay of Durban, South Africa, related the story of his first attendance at a meeting of the Oxford Group, which meeting, he claimed, cost him considerable expense. The expense entered into the picture, Mr. Mackay said, when he became conscience-stricken and returned to an insurance company an amount totalling about \$35 (in Canadian money) which he had obtained through falsification of an insurance claim. The speaker said that he had hunted for excitement and adventure for more than ten years, and it had remained for the Oxford Group to find the real thing for him.

Complete Happiness.

H. Kenaston Twitchell of Princeton University, and Baliol College, Oxford, and Mrs. Twitchell, also an Oxford student, spoke on the value of Christianity in married life, stating that through Christ they have found complete happiness and bliss in their union. Mrs. Twitchell stated that no married couple could hope to attain tranquility and happiness unless they shared their joys and sorrows unselfishly, and this, she said, may be brought about only by a complete faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

In speaking of the value of the influence of God in education, Miss Olive Jones of New York, president of the National Educational Association in the United States, and a delegate to the Educational Confer-

ences in Canada and Europe, stated that up until five years ago she had considered religion "all dope" and had never thought of going to God for the answer to educational problems. Since becoming a member of the group, she stated, she has seen her problems vanish and has been able to do more good in her line of endeavor during five years than she had ever before done in her entire life.

H. Kenaston Twitchell closed the meeting by asking that all present observe a moment of "living silence." Later a large number of interested Ottawans discussed the work of the group with members in what is known as "groups of two."

Tonight the three-day session will conclude with another meeting, to be held at 8.30 p.m. in the banquet hall of the Chateau, and tomorrow various members of the organization will speak from the pulpits of several local churches.