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## THE OXFORD GROUP

### IMPRESSIONS OF THE MOVEMENT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—As a son of the late Bishop Westcott, of Durham, of revered memory, who has not indeed inherited his gift of scholarship, but shares in his repugnance to controversy, I venture to ask the privilege of your columns to state my own first-hand experience of the work of the Oxford Groups.

Having read descriptions and criticisms of the groups, I felt bound to avail myself of the opportunity of forming my own opinion on first-hand evidence, presented to me by the Oxford house party. My proposed visit of four days was extended to eight, and not only was I deeply impressed by the wonderful works of God which I there witnessed, but I personally received, as a result of the challenge which was faithfully presented, a heightened vision of what God was able and willing to accomplish through me, did I offer no obstacle of unbelief or self-will to the guidance of His Spirit.

I desired the opportunity of closer association with those whom I had met at Oxford, among whom I had found that fellowship for which our Lord had prayed. I applied for a two months' extension of my leave, which being granted enabled me to share in the work of the team during the recent house party at Cambridge. There the vision gained at Oxford has been abundantly confirmed by actual experience, and I look forward to the coming campaign in London with full assurance of faith.

Is it unreasonable to hope that your readers will not be content to base their own opinions on second-hand evidence, but will seek that opportunity which this campaign affords of learning at first hand whether God is using men and women in these groups for the purpose of His redemptive love?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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of India, Burma, and Ceylon.

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